University of Arizona – Dean, College of Education

The University of Arizona (UArizona) invites applications for the position of dean of the College of Education. The College seeks a nationally recognized scholar whose outstanding visionary leadership skills will enhance UArizona’s reputation, along with that of the College of Education’s.

UArizona is the state’s land-grant university and has been a national and global leader in innovative research, teaching, and community outreach for over a century. UArizona is widely recognized as one of the nation’s top-20 public Carnegie classified "R1" universities. The University is also a proud member of the Association of American Universities (AAU) and is one of only a handful of AAUs who are designated Hispanic Serving Institutions.

UArizona seeks a dynamic leader who can articulate and advance a vision for education within the College and the University, and to advance the University’s role in the borderlands region, the American Southwest, and nationally. In an effort to advance collaborations with regional and national stakeholders, the dean will promote a culture of grant-seeking activity and provide leadership on how best to raise the visibility and impact of the College’s research. The College’s research interests cross through multiple audiences and contexts, but at the heart of its research mission is to inform best practices in learning, to address issues of equity and access in education, to advance digital learning, and to re-envision literacies and learning from the lens of diversity and community representation. The new dean will encourage and support robust interdisciplinary and collaborative partnerships within the College, across UArizona, and with community partners.

The dean will be responsible for leading the College to fully realize its mission of preparing teachers, special educators, school and rehabilitation counselors, school and educational psychologists, school principals and superintendents and leaders for P-12 and higher education. The dean will be a steadfast leader and outspoken advocate for diversity, equity, and inclusion efforts. Capacity to be a successful fundraiser and the skills to be a strong, effective, and persuasive communicator and listener are a must.

Preferred candidates must possess a PhD, EdD or equivalent from an accredited institution and an excellent record of scholarship to be tenurable at the level of full professor at UArizona.

All applications, nominations and inquiries are invited. Applications should include, as separate documents, a 3-page letter of interest addressing the themes in this profile and a CV or resume. WittKieffer is assisting University of Arizona in this search. Application materials should be submitted using WittKieffer’s candidate portal by March 18, 2022 for fullest consideration. Nominations and inquiries can be directed to Alejandra Gillette-Teran, Cathryn Davis and Jen Meyers Pickard, Ph.D. at UArizonaEducationDean@wittkieffer.com.

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