Dean, School of Education Virginia Commonwealth University

Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU) invites nominations and applications for the position of Dean of the [School of Education](https://soe.vcu.edu/) (SOE). The Dean will serve as the chief academic and administrative officer of the School, which seeks to advance innovative, impactful solutions that address real-world challenges and to prepare the next generation of leaders with an interdisciplinary, experiential education. The Dean, faculty, staff, and students will collaborate, work across multiple academic disciplines, and leverage their advantageous location in the capital city of Richmond. The School of Education seeks an ambitious, visionary, and collaborative leader who can advance and distinguish the research, teaching, and public engagement missions of the unit and contribute to the University’s new strategic plan [Quest 2028](https://quest.vcu.edu/), which emphasizes a rich academic environment driven by diversity, equity, and inclusion-centered action, student success, collaborative research and innovation, and deep, meaningful community engagement with the city of Richmond, Commonwealth of Virginia, nation and world.

Located in the heart of Richmond, the capital of Virginia since 1779, VCU serves an integral role in the economic health of the city and the state, educating the current and future workforce, reaching out to the community, advancing research, and enhancing patient care.

Reporting to the Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs, [Fotis Sotiropoulos](https://provost.vcu.edu/about/provosts-biography/), the Dean of the SOE serves as a member of the VCU’s senior leadership team, working with the President, Provost, Deans, and other senior leaders to advance the University’s mission. The Dean is responsible for enhancing the School profile, visibility, and effectiveness. With the input of and support from faculty, staff, students, and stakeholders, the Dean sets the strategic direction for the SOE and further defines and articulates the College’s vision and priorities. With the responsibility for advancing the SOE’s mission, the Dean oversees daily operations through thoughtful personnel decisions, general administration and management, prudent budgeting and resource management, academic program support, and fundraising. The Dean represents the School and leads the effort to create and strengthen partnerships within and outside of the University.

The Dean also fosters high-quality academic teaching and research. In addition to creating opportunities for more robust research, the Dean will promote excellence in education, including the development of collaborative academic programs and experiential learning opportunities.

Please visit [here](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1khzB4jPFp7qUW-8Gl7VNoe_Llt7S8ECQ/view?usp=sharing) for the full position description.

Priority consideration will be given to materials received by August 1, 2024. Applications should include a 1) current CV and 2) a letter of interest that addresses the responsibilities and qualifications described above.

Buffkin/Baker, an executive search firm, is assisting the university in the search. Inquiries of interest, nominations, and applications should be submitted electronically, in confidence, to:

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