

Sam Houston State University Dean of the College of Education

Sam Houston State University (SHSU) invites inquiries, nominations, and applications for the position of Dean of the College of Education. The university seeks a collaborative, strategic, and future-oriented academic leader who will advance the mission and values of the university and is expected to take office in January 2027.

While embracing its 145-year legacy, SHSU also strives to meet the needs of contemporary students, both traditionally and online. SHSU offers five applied associate degree programs, 99 bachelor's degree programs, 65 master's degree programs, nine doctoral programs, one professional doctorate (DO), and more than 90 online degrees and certificates. SHSU is classified as a Carnegie doctoral university with high research activity (R2). The university is also a Community Engaged University and a proud AACSCU institution, demonstrating a commitment to education for the public good. SHSU is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC). SHSU is part of the Texas State University System, the first university system established in Texas, composed of seven institutions.

The Dean provides strategic leadership to advance the College of Education's mission and align its priorities with those of the university. The Dean is responsible for developing and executing short- and long-range strategic plans that promote academic excellence, innovation, and growth. This includes leading the advancement of academic programs across multiple modalities to meet evolving student and workforce needs, promoting continuous curriculum improvement in collaboration with faculty, and fostering interdisciplinary initiatives across the institution and state. The Dean oversees all academic centers and student-related operations, ensuring a high-quality, student-centered learning environment that supports student success, enrollment growth, and employee engagement. The role advances the college's research enterprise by supporting external funding efforts, including grants, contracts, and philanthropic partnerships, while cultivating relationships with alumni, community stakeholders, and partners across educational, public, and private sectors. This includes collaboration with school districts and other K–12 partners to support educator preparation, research initiatives, and competitive grant development.

A profile including more information about SHSU and the Dean search – including qualifications and a leadership agenda – is available at <https://apptrkr.com/7201350>.

How to Apply

The position is open until filled but only applications received by **August 19, 2026**, can be assured full consideration. The University is being assisted by

Academic Search. Confidential discussions about this opportunity may be arranged by contacting senior consultant Chris Butler at Chris.Butler@academicsearch.org.

Sam Houston State University is an Equal Employment Opportunity Employer and Smoke/Drug-Free Workplace. All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, creed, ancestry, marital status, citizenship, color, national origin, sex, religion, age, disability, or protected veteran status. The University takes seriously the initiative to ensure equal opportunity in the workforce and to comply with Title VII as interpreted by the U.S. Supreme Court. Sam Houston State University is an "at will" employer. Employees with a contract will have additional terms and conditions. Security-sensitive positions at SHSU require background checks in accordance with Education Code §51.215.