

STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK PLATTSBURGH

Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

SUNY Plattsburgh, a vibrant, four-year, public comprehensive college and member of the State University of New York's comprehensive system of higher education, seeks a collaborative leader and accomplished academic administrator to serve as its next Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs.

The Institution: Founded in 1889, SUNY Plattsburgh has a strong history of meeting regional and statewide needs for higher education. Located in the heart of the North Country, it is also a major driver of the economic and cultural well-being of the community. Today, SUNY Plattsburgh fulfills its motto, "A Proud Past, A Strong Future," by preparing a diverse population of undergraduate and graduate students for a wide range of professional pursuits, responsible citizenship, and ethical life based on a strong foundation in the liberal arts. The College is a selective public institution offering an affordable yet high-quality education at both its main campus and branch campus, located in Queensbury, NY. The College enrolls over 5,400 students in more than 60 Baccalaureate, Certificate, and Master's programs in the Sciences, Arts, Humanities, Social Sciences, Business, Education, as well as Health and Human Services. With a student-faculty ratio of 16:1 and an average class size of 22, students receive individual attention from the College's outstanding faculty and staff. A student-centered approach to higher education is the hallmark of the "Plattsburgh Experience." As a residential College, Plattsburgh houses approximately 2,700 students, including more than 300 international students representing 66 countries. SUNY Plattsburgh is a NCAA Division III College with 18 varsity teams. SUNY Plattsburgh strives to foster an equitable and inclusive community that supports students of diverse backgrounds and is committed to employing equity-minded individuals devoted to working in an environment composed of a broad range of cultural heritages, socioeconomic backgrounds, genders, abilities, and orientations. To learn more about SUNY Plattsburgh, please visit <https://www.plattsburgh.edu>. Recent achievements of the College are summarized in the 2018-2019 Annual Report, available at <http://www.plattsburgh.edu/annualreport>.

The Position: Reporting to the President and serving as a member of the President's Cabinet, the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs serves as the Officer-in-Charge in the absence of the President and is the senior officer focused on Academic Affairs. The Provost supports the College's academic mission by providing vision, leadership, and management in a diverse multicultural, international, and high-technology environment, working with all constituents on campus to proactively and effectively coordinate campus connections. The position is responsible for the strategic and timely implementation of plans, policies, and procedures that ensure high-quality academic programs anchored in the liberal arts tradition. The Provost leads the development and implementation of a data-informed strategic plan including standards for ongoing academic program review while maintaining a focus on resources, national and regional higher education trends, and overall campus goals. In addressing academic program portfolio goals and targets, the Provost works collaboratively and closely with the Vice Presidents for Enrollment and Student Success, Administration & Finance, Diversity, Equity & Inclusion, and Institutional Advancement. The Provost directly supervises five Academic Deans and oversees and coordinates the offices of Institutional Effectiveness, Registrar, and Academic Advising, among others.

Qualifications: The next Provost must demonstrate a history of progressively responsible academic leadership experience in higher education with success in managing allocated funds, administrative processes, and staff. The ideal candidate will be a collaborative leader with a proven history of working with diverse constituents, including demographic and functional diversity, promoting innovation and change, managing spending and budgets, and a demonstrated knowledge and understanding of the current and future roles of public, mid-sized colleges. The provost candidate must hold a record of scholarship appropriate for a senior-level faculty member. The position also requires experience in institutional research, assessment, and planning. This person must possess extensive knowledge of current academic enrollment trends in public higher education and emerging issues both regionally and nationally. A demonstrated knowledge of and commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion and their value in professional and educational communities along with a commitment to the academic and professional success of our diverse student body is essential for the next Provost. An earned doctorate is required for candidacy.

Location: Situated in one of the most beautiful regions – SUNY Plattsburgh's main campus is on Lake Champlain between the Adirondack Mountains and Green Mountains. The College's 256-acre campus sits on the edge of the city's downtown area. The population of the city and adjacent town of Plattsburgh totals over 31,000. The Plattsburgh area is home to a variety of arts and cultural venues, including the renovated Strand Center for the Arts, and boasts a rich history and many community and special events. It is an active waterfront city featuring a small-town feel combined with the advantages and opportunities of a larger urban center. The city was selected as a recipient of a \$10 million state investment to grow and further develop the downtown corridor. Excellent schools, superior hospitals, wide retail offerings, and a wealth of employment opportunities abound. The area is a strong, growing hub for manufacturers, assembly operations, and regional distribution services. It is also an emerging home to microbreweries, wineries, community-supported agriculture, and more. Major employers are SUNY Plattsburgh, UVM Health Network/Champlain Valley Physicians Hospital, Georgia Pacific, Bombardier, and nearby NYS correctional facilities. The campus is within easy traveling distance to Montreal, Quebec; Lake Placid, NY; and Burlington, VT.

Application: Interested candidates should submit only a cover letter and curriculum vitae to RPA Inc. at VPAAPlattsburgh@rpainc.org. For a confidential discussion about this opportunity or to make a nomination, please call Jim Heffernan, Senior Consultant, or Kendra Mozug, Search Consultant, at 570-321-6111. The first review of candidates will begin on February 10, 2020, and first-round interviews will commence thereafter.

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