



Dean Search

The **University of the District of Columbia** (UDC) seeks an innovative, experienced, and student-centered leader to serve as **Dean for the College of Arts and Sciences** to oversee all of the College's fully accredited undergraduate and graduate programs in Biology, Education, English, Language and Communication Disorders, Mass Media and Visual Arts, Chemistry and Physics, Mathematics, Nursing and Allied Health, Psychology and Counseling, and Urban Affairs, Social Sciences & Social Work. The new Dean will collaborate with faculty to enhance current programs at the College and support distance-learning initiatives. Maintaining and creating partnerships within the community to enhance student experiential experiences will also be part of the portfolio for the new Dean. This and other methods of fundraising are important aspects of the position. Key elements of the role are motivating, energizing, and leading a committed faculty of 112, while supporting a balance between classroom teaching and scholarly research. In addition to hiring new faculty, the Dean advocates for professional development of both new and continuing faculty.

The largest of UDC's schools, the College serves 1631 students in 10 departments, in baccalaureate and graduate programs. A myriad of opportunities designed to prepare students with the training and experiences to make an impact in the 21st century job market are also available through CAS. The College supports a new graduate program in the National Center for Urban Education focused on providing leadership and training to teachers who serve the District of Columbia and beyond. CAS is the cornerstone of UDC's multi-disciplinary General Education Program with the goal of engaging students in real-life situations.

The successful candidate will have demonstrated excellence as an academic administrator with a proven background in scholarly research. The new Dean will be an adaptive and flexible leader and possess strong interpersonal communication skills, as well as the ability to promote the use of technology to enhance academic success and provide rigorous and relevant education. An essential responsibility for the successful candidate will be to enhance the marketability of the College to increase enrollment and the levels of retention. The new Dean will be familiar with accrediting agencies for the programs in the College and will work to build strong relationships within the community and secure new fundraising investments to increase the number of academic scholarships for students. The successful candidate will be required to display a strong leadership background to ensure the academic integrity of the University, support of shared governance and knowledge of collective bargaining.

The University of the District of Columbia is the only public, urban land-grant institution of higher education in the District. Together with its community college, District of Columbia Community College, approximately 5800 students from the Washington metropolitan area,

northeastern region of the United States and approximately 100 foreign countries are enrolled. Students matriculate in associate, baccalaureate, graduate, and professional programs. UDC promotes best practices across higher education, cognizant of shifting contexts for living and working in the 21st Century. The University has a commitment to preparing its graduates for immediate entry into the workforce, the next level of education, specialized employment opportunities, and life-long learning. For additional information about the University or this position, please visit www.udc.edu.

The campus of the University of the District of Columbia is located in the northwest quadrant of the city, in the heart of the capital's embassy district. One of the world's most cosmopolitan cities, with rich cultural, educational, and political traditions, Washington is within driving distance of the Blue Ridge Mountains, Shenandoah National Park, and the Chesapeake Bay. In addition to its numerous green spaces, museums, and historical points of interest, Washington is home to professional and amateur sporting events and teams.

Application: For a confidential discussion of the opportunity, or to nominate a colleague, please call Kate Nolde at 800-992-9277 or email udc.cas@rpainc.org. Review of candidates will begin June 10, 2011. A current *curriculum vitae* and cover letter addressing the qualifications of the position in Word format should be sent to udc.cas@rpainc.org. UDC is an EEO/AA Employer.