



Presidential Search

Slippery Rock University, a regional public master's university and member of the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education (PASSHE), has initiated the search for its next President. As a leading institution in the system, Slippery Rock is poised to continue its legacy as a university with its eyes to the future and a mission of transforming the intellectual, social, physical, and leadership capacities of students to prepare them for life and career success.

The Position: As the chief executive officer, the President provides leadership for all aspects of the University, including academics, finance, planning, student affairs, enrollment, advancement, human resources, athletics, and other key areas. The President works closely with the Council of Trustees, Cabinet, collective bargaining leadership, faculty, staff, and students to ensure that the strategic direction and policies of the University are aligned with its mission and honor its history to provide for the University's continued financial health. The President has principal responsibility for the planning, development, implementation, assessment, and improvement of all programs and policies, provides leadership for enhancing educational programs and services, and guides highly qualified and committed faculty and staff. Additionally, the President builds strategic, collaborative affiliations and serves as an engaged member of the off-campus community, including fundraising activities as well as developing partnerships and resources in support of the University's mission. The university has an 11-member Council of Trustees with powers and duties outlined in statute regarding the university and president. Additionally, the President is accountable to the system's 20-member Board of Governors through the Chancellor and will contribute to systemwide innovation through collaborative engagement with PASSHE and leadership of institutions across the system. To view the position prospectus, visit <https://www.rpainc.org/post/SRUPresidentialProspectus.pdf>

The Institution: An institution committed to the success of students, Slippery Rock University opened in 1889 as Slippery Rock State Normal School with the original purpose of training teachers. Since that time, the institution has dramatically expanded and now operates as one of 14 historic institutions in Pennsylvania's State System of Higher Education and has 70,000 current alumni. SRU serves to transform the intellectual, social, physical, and leadership capacities of students to prepare them for life and career success. Slippery Rock's nearly 8,600 students have the opportunity to pursue more than 150 undergraduate programs and 40 graduate programs in five colleges: the College of Business, the College of Education, the College of Engineering and Science, the College of Health Professions, and the College of Liberal Arts. The University employs more than 1,000 employees, including 400 full-time faculty, 92% of SRU professors hold a Ph.D. or terminal degree, and students enjoy a 24:1 student-to-faculty ratio. Slippery Rock University holds full institutional accreditation with the Middle States Commission on Higher Education and 19 programmatic accreditations. The University values and invests in the professional development of its faculty and staff. SRU consistently places in the top two on the System's financial dashboard, which assesses a variety of metrics across the areas of market demand, operating efficiency, and financial performance. The University has received high ratings for stewardship of its physical assets. SRU has been named one of the "Best Colleges in the Northeast" by *Princeton Review*, one of the "Best National Colleges and Universities" by *Wall Street Journal/Times Higher Education* for the sixth straight year, and "Best Regional Universities" and "Top Public Schools – Regional Universities" by *U.S. News and World Report* for the thirteenth consecutive year. To learn more about the University, please visit www.sru.edu.

Qualifications: The ideal candidate for the Presidency at Slippery Rock University will be a student-focused, experienced leader with knowledge of strategic planning and sound fiscal management who maintains passion for public higher education and will bring an ethical, innovative, and highly collaborative approach to leadership. Successful candidates will be experienced in and/or demonstrate knowledge of effective enrollment management, academic affairs, institutional advancement, as well as shared governance and collective bargaining. The next President of Slippery Rock will have a demonstrated record of leadership in promoting diversity, equity, inclusion, and belonging; a commitment to integrity and transparency; and the ability to build a strong management team. The President will be mission-driven and a skilled advocate for the institution both on and off campus. A commitment to communication and collegiality is vital. Other highly desirable qualities include the ability to innovate and to understand a commitment to advancing programs that reflect local and regional needs. An earned terminal degree or equivalent experience is preferred.

Location: Slippery Rock University's campus, in Slippery Rock, Pennsylvania, comprises more than 660 rolling acres in one of western Pennsylvania's most beautiful areas. Slippery Rock offers historic charm in a small-town setting. The borough is home to approximately 3,500 residents. The University offers an abundance of cultural enrichment opportunities throughout the school year, and the region provides numerous year-round outdoor activities. Slippery Rock is also a convenient drive to major metropolitan centers such as Pittsburgh and Cleveland.

Application: Interested candidates should submit a cover letter, resume/CV, and diversity statement to RPA Inc. at SlipperyRockPresident@rpainc.org. For a confidential discussion about this opportunity or to make a nomination, please contact Kendra Mozug, Search Consultant, or Dana John Cohick, President, at the email address above. The review of candidates will begin on August 31, 2022, and first-round interviews will commence thereafter.

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