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Virginia Tech, a leading research university in the Commonwealth of Virginia, welcomes applications and nominations for the next Dean of the College of Science. This is an exceptional opportunity to guide a college with the potential to expand boundaries of research, education, and service in the modern comprehensive university. The dean will have the opportunity to build on degree programs that cut across disciplines and further develop an innovative curricular structure that creates an educational continuum for students interested in solving complex real-world problems. Born out of the College of Arts and Sciences in 2003 to promote and unite the sciences at Virginia Tech, the College of Science is home to world-class faculty across eight departments, a school, and two academies that sit at the nexus of interdisciplinary relationships at Virginia’s most comprehensive university. In addition to research partnerships and curricular innovations, the college fulfills a service and teaching mission that is critical to the success of other colleges and the university as a whole.

The dean will join Virginia Tech at an exciting time of transition. The university’s 16th president, Timothy D. Sands, who began his tenure in 2014, has led the university community in a generational visioning process to ensure Virginia Tech’s position as a global land-grant university leader. This has been followed by university- and college-level strategic planning that seeks to build on the key opportunities the university currently has to make meaningful and visionary progress in the coming years.

For its College of Science, Virginia Tech seeks an energetic leader, strategic thinker, relationship builder, and strong communicator who will broaden the role of the college throughout the university without diluting the fundamental strengths that have been so integral to its past success. The dean will continue to build strategic growth areas, identify new opportunities for growth, and advocate for the college and the important role it plays in the university’s research, outreach, and education mission. The right candidate will have a strong record of relevant research and scholarship success and the ability to lead complex organizations. The dean will also be adept at championing the college externally to donors and alumni, as well as state, national, and international leaders.

A representative search committee has been convened to conduct the search and to recommend finalists to the provost. The university is assisted in the recruitment by the executive search firm Isaacson, Miller. Nominations and applications are welcome. All applications will be considered until the position is filled.
Nominations and inquiries should be sent to:
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Electronic applications strongly encouraged.

Building on its motto, *Ut Prosim* (That I May Serve), Virginia Tech is dedicated to InclusiveVT—an institutional and individual commitment to community, diversity, and excellence. The institution seeks candidates who adopt and practice their *Principles of Community*, which are fundamental to the university’s ongoing efforts to increase access and inclusion and to create a community that nurtures learning and growth for all its members. Virginia Tech actively seeks a broad spectrum of qualified candidates to join its community in preparing leaders for a diverse, global society and encourages individuals across racial, ethnic, religious, gender, sexual orientation, ability, and other identities to apply.