DEAN, COLLEGE OF NATURAL SCIENCES AND MATHEMATICS

The College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics at California State University, Fullerton, seeks an accomplished educator, skilled administrator, and proactive collaborator to serve as dean.

The College, which has more than 100 faculty members, is dedicated to the principle that teaching and research are intricately interwoven, and that undergraduate research is therefore an integral part of education. The College provides students with hands-on, laboratory and field-based experiences, to put into practice concepts that are learned in the classroom.

Nearly 3,000 students are enrolled in eight undergraduate and nine graduate programs offered in the departments of biological science, chemistry and biochemistry, geological sciences, mathematics, and physics. These students have the opportunity to develop specialties through concentrations and special emphasis areas and to prepare for a broad range of careers, including teaching math and science. Through the combination of quality instruction, student involvement in research, and strong academic advisement, the College aims to transform the student experience.

THE POSITION:
The dean serves as the chief academic officer of the College and will advance both the strategic direction of the College (nsm.fullerton.edu/about) and the University as a whole (planning.fullerton.edu). This work includes collegial leadership in forging a vision for the college, in the planning and implementation of academic, research, and student success programs in the College, and building strategic relationships with private- and public-sector partners and investors.

PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITIES INCLUDE:

- Providing strong, consistent, and fair leadership
- Shaping a vision for the College consistent with the University strategic plan and the strategic plan of the College
- Creating and sustaining an environment supportive of research, scholarship, and creative activity
- Providing oversight of the College’s instructional programs including leadership in curriculum improvement, innovation, and assessment of student learning
- Planning and administering the annual budgeting process and the budget for the College
- Leading the College’s fundraising and grant-seeking efforts
- Collaborating across the University and with the external community
- Assuming responsibility for the supervision of the College’s support staff and personnel

CENTERS AND INSTITUTES

- Catalyst Center for the Advancement of Research in Teaching and Learning Math & Science
- Center for Applied Biotechnology Studies
- Center for Computational and Applied Mathematics
- Desert Studies Center
- Gravitational Wave Physics and Astronomy Center
- Tucker Wildlife Sanctuary
MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:
• A Ph.D. in a relevant discipline from an accredited institution
• A record of teaching and research excellence appropriate for appointment as a tenured full professor in the College
• Three or more years of academic administrative experience involving strategic and operational planning, budgeting, human resource management, program assessment, student advisement, faculty development, and curriculum development
• Excellent oral, written, and interpersonal communication skills

DESIRED QUALIFICATIONS:
• Experience working with ethnically and culturally diverse students, faculty, and staff, in a shared governance environment
• Demonstrated commitment to interdisciplinary programs, faculty-mentored student research, and other high-impact practices such as supplemental instruction
• Demonstrated commitment to faculty research
• Demonstrated record of fundraising to support the mission of the College
• The ability to meet the University's strategic goals (planning.fullerton.edu)

NOMINATION PROCESS:
Nominations can be submitted to NSMDeanSearch@fullerton.edu.

APPLICATION PROCESS:
A completed application will include a cover letter addressing the qualifications above, curriculum vitae, and the names, e-mail addresses, and phone numbers of five references. References will not be contacted without explicit permission from the candidate. Applications can be submitted in confidence at apps.fullerton.edu/MPPRecruitment.

The position will remain open until filled, but only applications received by August 28, 2015, can be assured full consideration. Confidential discussions about this opportunity may be arranged with the search committee chair, Dr. Anil Puri, at apuri@fullerton.edu.

California State University, Fullerton celebrates all forms of diversity and is deeply committed to fostering an inclusive environment within which students, staff, administrators, and faculty thrive. Individuals interested in advancing the University’s strategic diversity goals are strongly encouraged to apply. Reasonable accommodations will be provided for qualified applicants with disabilities who self-disclose.

Cal State Fullerton, a leading institution of the 23-campus California State University system, enrolls more than 38,000 students and offers 109 degree programs. An intellectual and cultural center for Orange County, Cal State Fullerton is a primary driver of workforce and economic development throughout the region and a national model for supporting student success through innovative, high-impact educational and co-curricular experiences, including faculty-student collaborative research. The University embraces its rich diversity, recognizing that it both enhances the educational experience for students and uniquely prepares them to excel as emergent leaders in the global marketplace and in their communities. Cal State Fullerton is recognized as a top public university in the West, in particular for its work in supporting underrepresented students in earning a college degree. For more about Cal State Fullerton, visit fullerton.edu.