

Founding Dean of the Graduate School and Vice Provost
of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies
Missouri University of Science and Technology

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Institution Missouri University of Science and Technology

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Position Spring 2026

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Description**

Hiring Department

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Missouri University of Science and Technology (Missouri S&T) invites applications and nominations for the position of **Founding Dean of the Graduate School and Vice Provost of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies**. This newly established leadership role presents a unique opportunity for a visionary academic leader to shape and elevate graduate and postdoctoral education at a nationally recognized STEM-focused R1 research university.

The successful candidate will lead the development of a centralized Graduate School and provide strategic oversight of the university's postdoctoral enterprise. This dual role is designed to foster integration, innovation, and excellence across graduate and postdoctoral programs, aligning both with Missouri S&T's mission and strategic priorities. This individual will engage in possibility thinking, scenario development and work closely with the Chancellor, Provost, and university leadership including the three colleges and their deans to increase Ph.D. enrollment and foster student success and institutional growth.

Position Overview

The Founding Dean and Vice Provost will:

- Establish and lead a new centralized Graduate School that supports academic excellence, innovation, and student success
- Drive strategic enrollment growth and enhance the graduate and postdoctoral experience
- Provide high-level leadership for postdoctoral affairs, fostering a vibrant and inclusive research community

Key Responsibilities

- **Strategic Leadership** - Develop and implement a comprehensive strategic plan for the Graduate

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School in alignment with institutional goals

- **Ph.D. Recruitment and Enrollment** - Collaborate with academic deans, department chairs, faculty, and administrative leaders to recruit a diverse pool of domestic and international graduate students, with a strong emphasis on Ph.D. enrollment
- **Program Development**- Lead the expansion and enhancement of graduate programs, ensuring academic rigor and relevance
- **Admissions and Enrollment Management** - Strengthen graduate admissions processes and deploy strategic initiatives to attract top-tier students for both on-campus and online programs
- **Academic Oversight** - Partner with academic leadership to administer graduate education policies and uphold academic standards
- **Student Success and Engagement** - Champion initiatives that support recruitment, retention, degree completion, and professional development; engage with the Graduate Student Council and Graduate Faculty Council
- **Resource Management**- Oversee budget planning, resource allocation, and advancement efforts to secure external funding and philanthropic support
- **Advocacy and Support** - Serve as the chief advocate for graduate students and postdoctoral scholars, promoting their academic and professional growth
- **Policy and Administration** - Develop and manage policies, benefits, and services for graduate students and postdoctoral scholars in compliance with institutional and regulatory standards
- **Professional Development and Mentorship** - Enhance career development programs and foster a supportive environment for high-quality research and training experiences
- **Cross-Campus Collaboration** - Partner with academic and administrative units, including the Office of Sponsored Programs, to promote interdisciplinary research and integrate postdoctoral affairs

Qualifications

Required Qualifications

- Earned doctorate from an accredited institution
- Distinguished record of scholarly achievement and research, qualifying for appointment as a tenured full professor
- Minimum of 10 years of executive leadership experience in higher education, with a strong background in research and mentoring Ph.D. students and postdoctoral fellows
- Proven success in academic administration, preferably at a research-intensive institution
- Demonstrated expertise in strategic planning, program development, and budget management
- Experience mentoring graduate students and/or postdoctoral scholars

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- Ability to collaborate effectively with diverse stakeholders and foster a culture of teamwork and respect
- Commitment to assessment, continuous improvement, and evidence-based practices

Preferred Leadership Attributes

- Visionary and Strategic: Able to articulate and implement a bold vision for graduate and postdoctoral education
- Collaborative and Engaging: Skilled in building consensus and engaging stakeholders across the university
- Empathetic and Decisive: Balances sound decision-making with empathy and understanding of student and scholar experiences
- Resilient and Accountable: Demonstrates integrity, resilience, and a results-oriented approach
- Inspiring and Supportive: Motivates and supports faculty, staff, and students in achieving academic excellence

Application Materials

The Search Committee welcomes nominations and applications. Application materials should include:

- A letter of interest outlining your leadership philosophy and relevant experience
- A current curriculum vitae
- Names and contact information for at least five professional references

Application Deadline

Review of applications will begin immediately and will continue until the position is filled.

Community Information

University Information

Missouri S&T is one of the nation's leading research universities with over 100-degree programs in 39 disciplines. It was founded in 1870 as one of the first technological institutions west of the Mississippi River. Located about 100 miles west of St. Louis in the vibrant community of Rolla, Missouri S&T is an accessible, safe, and friendly campus surrounded by Ozarks' scenery. Missouri S&T offers undergraduate degrees in engineering, the sciences, liberal arts, humanities, and business, with M.S.

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and Ph.D. programs available in many of the science and engineering programs. With over 7,000 students and 300 faculty, Missouri S&T is big enough to accommodate a broad population, yet small enough for individuals to build high visibility and impactful careers.

KUMMER COLLEGE

Established in 2022, The Kummer College serves as a pathbreaking model for social impact, technology transfer, and interdisciplinary collaboration within a future-oriented STEM-focused university. Supported by the Kummer Institute Foundation at Missouri S&T, this unique college integrates key academic, co-curricular, and administrative activities related to technology commercialization, business innovation and entrepreneurship, systems thinking, and economic development. Within The Kummer College lives several departments: Department of Business and Information Technology (BIT), Department of Economics, Department of Engineering Management and Systems Engineering (EMSE) and Kummer Student Programs.

COLLEGE of ENGINEERING & COMPUTING (CEC)

Missouri S&T's College of Engineering and Computing is the largest of three colleges at S&T, accounting for approximately 80% of the total enrollment (about 4,500 undergraduates and 800 graduate students). The college includes more than 170 ranked faculty members who serve in 16 undergraduate programs, all with master's and doctoral equivalents organized into nine academic departments. The college recently added a bachelor's degree in biomedical engineering and a Ph.D. in bioengineering, both starting in fall 2024. Missouri S&T, supported by the College of Engineering and Computing, is nationally recognized for its career outcomes and ROI.

COLLEGE of ARTS, SCIENCES, & EDUCATION (CASE)

The College of Arts, Sciences, and Education is a catalyst of innovation, creativity, and discovery, where students and faculty work side-by-side to create and share knowledge and understanding. From arts and humanities to the natural and social sciences, the College of Arts, Sciences, and Education has a program for everyone. The College of Arts, Sciences, and Education (CASE) is made up of eleven units including Air Force ROTC, Army ROTC, Arts, Languages and Philosophy, Biological Sciences, Chemistry, English and Technical Communication, History and Political Science, Mathematics and Statistics, Physics, Psychological Science, and Education. The college is home to over 90 tenured/tenure-track and 44 non-tenure-track faculty members. CASE offers more than 85 different academic options including certificates, minors, bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degrees.

About Rolla

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Rolla, Missouri offers several great advantages that help individuals enjoy a high quality of life. Rolla is an ideal place for families, with its low cost of living, excellent schools, safe neighborhoods, and a range of recreational activities suitable for all ages. The Ozark Scenic Riverways and beautiful landscapes offers abundant opportunities for outdoor enthusiasts of every lifestyle. With its vibrant community, Rolla hosts multiple events, concerts, art exhibitions, and theater performances throughout the year. The university's Leach Theatre showcases nationally renowned performers for campus and community alike. Overall, living in Rolla offers a high quality of life with a supportive community, affordable living, beautiful natural surroundings, and numerous opportunities for personal and professional growth.

Benefit Eligibility

This position is eligible for University benefits. As part of your total compensation, the University offers a comprehensive benefits package, including medical, dental and vision plans, retirement, and educational fee discounts for all four UM System campuses. For additional information on University benefits, please visit the Faculty & Staff Benefits website at <https://www.umsystem.edu/totalrewards/benefits>.

EEO/AA Policy

Equal Employment Opportunity

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To request ADA accommodations, please call the Office of Equity & Title IX at 573-341-7734.

Contact Information

Please reference Academickeys in your cover letter when applying for or inquiring about this job announcement.

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