



## The University of Akron – Dean of the College of Engineering search

The University of Akron (UA), Ohio's Polytechnic University, ([www.uakron.edu](http://www.uakron.edu)) invites nominations and applications for the position of Dean of the College of Engineering (COE). The COE has experienced significant growth in recent years and UA seeks an exceptional leader who will ensure continued success by implementing high standards in education, research and service, engaging with external constituencies in addition to faculty, staff and students.

UA was founded in 1870 and is one of the 14 public universities in Ohio. It currently enrolls nearly 26,000 students in more than 300 undergraduate, graduate, postdoctoral, and law degree programs. Education at UA is a unique combination of blended learning experiences combined with career-focused and experiential learning that defines the polytechnic approach to education.

In 2014, the COE (<http://www.uakron.edu/engineering/about-us/>) celebrated its centennial. Undergraduate enrollment has doubled since 2004 to over 3,000 undergraduate and graduate students, and research activity has increased significantly since 2007. The COE is home to the fifth oldest traditional co-op program in the country, offering opportunities with private industry, research and government agencies throughout Ohio and across the U.S.

Eight undergraduate, master's, and doctoral degree programs are offered by the College's five departments: Biomedical Engineering; Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering; Civil Engineering; Electrical and Computer Engineering; and Mechanical Engineering.

The greater Akron community is situated in Northeast Ohio about 40 miles south of Cleveland and 24 miles north of Canton. The Akron area has a strong manufacturing base with significant commercial industries in polymers, manufacturing, health care and bioscience. The region offers excellent quality-of-life attractions, such as professional sports venues, theatres, renowned orchestras and museums, and outdoor recreation areas including, extensive park systems including like the Cuyahoga Valley National Park.

## The Position

The University is looking for a Dean of Engineering with the passion, plan, and track record to continue the COE's upward trajectory towards global and regional excellence in education, research, entrepreneurship, experiential learning and scholarship while delivering a high-quality, cost-effective engineering education at all levels, increasing student enrollment, and engaging the regional, national, and global economies through innovative faculty teaching methods, research activities and university-community outreach.

The Dean is the chief academic administrative officer of the COE, reporting to the Senior Vice President, Provost and Chief Operating Officer and works collaboratively with the University leadership team to promote high quality academic education and standards within the COE. The Dean provides leadership in the development of the COE vision, strategic planning, assessment of programs, and implementation of policies and procedures while also directing the COE development efforts.

UA seeks a Dean possessing the highest ethical and professional standards; exceptional academic credentials; a proven teaching and funding research record; team building capabilities; a dedication to educational rigor; relevant academic, industrial, commercial, and government experience that will resonate with Northeast Ohio's major employers; enthusiasm for a public polytechnic public university identity; the ability to enhance the College's financial sustainability; commitment to transparent leadership and collegial faculty relations; interest in serving as an integral part of the senior academic administration team; a focus on student recruitment, engagement, retention and success with a demonstrated commitment to the inclusion of diverse and traditionally underrepresented groups within engineering.

The new Dean will have creative energy and superior communication skills to effectively engage with internal and external (local, national, and international) constituencies. Candidates for the position should have an earned doctorate in engineering or closely related field, with preference given to an applicant with a terminal degree in engineering. In addition, a successful candidate will have a record consistent with an appointment to the level of full professor in one of the COE departments including relevant academic, administrative, engineering, industrial and government experience.

## Procedure for Candidacy

The University of Akron is being assisted by Harris Search Associates for this search. A detailed profile may be found at [www.harrisandassociates.com](http://www.harrisandassociates.com).

Review of applications will begin immediately and continue until the position is filled. The target starting date for the position is January 4, 2016. Applications should include a current curriculum vita and letter explaining interest, philosophy on teaching and research, and vision for leading the UA College of Engineering.

Nomination and applications should be submitted electronically to Jeffrey Harris, Managing Partner.

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