



Vice President for Research

The University of South Carolina invites applications and nominations for internal candidates (all USC campuses) for the position of Vice President for Research. The Vice President for Research is a senior academic officer, reporting to the USC President, with specific responsibility for advancing research activities at all campuses of the University of South Carolina. The University expects to increase the level of research activity, expand its level of corporate partnerships, and create new opportunities for USC students and graduates. The Vice President will provide leadership for implementing a strategic plan to achieve these goals at USC.

USC has been designated a research institution of "very high research activity" by the Carnegie Foundation. The University's research portfolio, which recorded research awards of approximately \$220 million during the last year, is consistent with such a designation and reflects sponsored programs from federal and state government as well as a strong foundation and industrial support base.

The primary roles of this Vice President will be to provide leadership for research, scholarship and creative performance within USC. This Vice President will also be responsible for continuing development of the University's research vision and promote the research partnerships of the University with various external organizations and agencies.

Important responsibilities of the position include: formulating a vision and a focused strategic plan; deciding in conjunction with the Provost the allocation of institutional research funding; identifying and facilitating the establishment of critical external relationships; interacting with research sponsors from the private and public sectors, including major contract and grant negotiations; diversifying the range of faculty engaged in research and scholarly activities; and administering research policies and regulations in areas including technology transfer, intellectual property, research integrity, laboratory animal welfare, and human research subject protection. The Vice President for Research will also work closely with the President, the Provost and the Executive Director of Innovista, to oversee and facilitate technology transfer programs and to partner with the SC Department of Commerce, state and local organizations working to create new economic opportunities for the state and the graduates of the University of South Carolina.

The University seeks a candidate who has:

- a strong record of accomplishment in scholarly research and is presently at the rank of Professor with tenure;
- experience in academic administration;
- a record of assisting other faculty and/or junior researchers in the advancement of their research;
- demonstrated ability to work collaboratively with other administrative units;
- demonstrated understanding of and appreciation for the breadth of faculty scholarship and research activities at USC;
- demonstrated understanding on broad range of issues on intellectual property, transfer technology, and regulatory compliance;
- ability to plan, execute and articulate the University's research mission to students, faculty, alumni, and other decision-making bodies, including federal and state agencies;
- interest in bringing a diversity perspective to the position with demonstrated commitment to cultural diversity and equal opportunity;
- experience in creating interdisciplinary centers and in working closely with the private

- sector and funding agencies to develop sponsorship agreements;
- ability to advocate for research in terms of strategic planning, budget allocations, capital project planning, legislative priorities, and research infrastructure development.
 - open and collaborative leadership style who can influence others without direct authority
 - strong understanding of how academics, research and economic development are linked.

Each candidate should submit a letter of application containing a brief statement of experience in academic leadership and administration, along with a vision statement for the position of the Vice President for Research, as well as a full curriculum vita and at least two internal and two external references. Review of applications for this position will start on June 1, 2011 and will continue until a successful candidate has been selected. Applications, nominations, and inquiries, should be submitted to Joseph DiPiro, chair of the Vice President for Research Search Committee, either in hard copies mailed to Suite 102, Osborne Administration Building or electronic copies e-mailed to jdipiro@sccp.sc.edu.

The University of South Carolina is an equal opportunity employer and specifically invites and encourages applications from women and minorities.