



## Dean of Education

Fitchburg State University seeks applications and nominations for the position of dean of education, which reports directly to the provost. The dean will be expected to assume office in July 2016 or as soon thereafter as is feasible.

[Fitchburg State University](#) is a public comprehensive institution with a strong and proud tradition of excellence in teaching, scholarship, and public service, and is situated on a 60-acre traditional New England campus in North Central Massachusetts, 50 miles west of Boston. Founded as a teachers' college in 1894, Fitchburg State has developed into a highly-regarded institution that blends liberal arts and sciences and professional programs within a small college environment and recently updated facilities. The university prepares students to lead, serve, and succeed by fostering lifelong learning and civic and global responsibility. A Fitchburg State education extends beyond the classroom to include residential, professional, and co-curricular opportunities, with particular emphasis on internships. As a community resource, the university provides leadership and support for the economic, environmental, social, and cultural needs of North Central Massachusetts and beyond.

Within the division of education, Fitchburg State offers a variety of specialized teacher education area programs including Early Childhood Education, Elementary Education, Middle School Education, Secondary Education, Special Education, Curriculum and Teaching, and Educational Leadership and Management. One of the many unique features of Fitchburg State's division of education is the McKay Campus School. Established in 1971, the McKay Campus School houses the McKay Arts Academy, a PreK-8 innovation school. Fitchburg State is the only university in the public system with a working school on campus. This school provides students in teacher preparation programs numerous opportunities to work in a variety of real-life settings, including access to classrooms where they can observe and teach. Without leaving the campus, teacher candidates can combine what they are learning in their courses with what occurs in public school classrooms and, thus, enhance their understanding of educational theory and practice.

For additional information about the University and the qualifications sought in the dean of education, please visit: <http://academic-search.com/sites/default/files/FitchburgStateDeanofEducationProfile.pdf>.

The University is being assisted by Academic Search, Inc. Applications should consist of a substantive cover letter addressing the qualifications and desired attributes listed in the position profile, a curriculum vitae, and a list of at least five professional references with full contact information and a note indicating the nature of your working relationship with each; references will not be contacted without explicit permission from the candidate. Applications, nominations, and expressions of interest can be submitted in confidence to [FitchburgStateDeanEdu@academic-search.com](mailto:FitchburgStateDeanEdu@academic-search.com).

The position will remain open until filled, but only applications received by April 17, 2016, can be assured full consideration. Confidential discussions about this opportunity may be arranged by contacting Tom Fitch at [rtf@academic-search.com](mailto:rtf@academic-search.com). Fitchburg State University will protect the confidentiality of applicants in accordance with state law; candidates are advised that finalists will be required to participate in a public selection process.

*Fitchburg State University is an affirmative action, equal opportunity employer committed to excellence through diversity. Applications from members of underrepresented groups are encouraged.*