The University of Southern California (USC) seeks a dean for its nationally recognized Rossier School of Education. The school's mission is to prepare leaders to achieve educational equity through practice, research and policy. Rossier works to improve learning opportunities and outcomes, especially in urban settings; address disparities affecting historically marginalized groups; teach students to value and respect the cultural context of the communities in which they live and work; and through innovative research, strive to solve important educational problems. The school's nearly 30,000 living alumni are a key part of the extended school community, putting into action the tenets of their Rossier School education.

The dean provides leadership to 75 full-time, tenure-track, research, teaching, professional and clinical faculty (RTPC) and 178 staff. The school enrolls more than 2,500 graduate students, with 1,400 students online and 1,100 on campus in its four doctoral degree programs, nine master's degree programs, 10 professional development programs, three undergraduate minor programs and 10 research centers. Faculty and students remain at the forefront of educational change through their research and programmatic contributions, instructional activities, involvement with the education profession and broad array of service activities.

The dean will join USC at a pivotal moment in its history, as the university welcomes a new president and provost. The new leader will build on the school's extraordinary legacy, enabling, supporting and advocating for faculty, students and staff in their scholarly pursuits and inspiring curricular, pedagogical and programmatic innovation, all of which are defining characteristics of the school's standard of excellence. Tasked with working collaboratively with school and university leaders, the dean will craft a collective and strategic vision for the future of the Rossier School that includes a commitment to research and interdisciplinary ventures; upholding and forging new partnerships that will further the school's impact in Los Angeles and beyond; and securing a strong financial future for the school.

The next dean will be a nationally recognized scholar and visionary leader with impeccable integrity and academic judgment who is committed to the Rossier School's mission and eager to lead the school into an even stronger and more impactful future. The successful candidate will have a record of instruction and scholarly excellence that merits appointment as a tenured full professor in the university. The new dean will also have a history of administrative leadership, strong personnel and financial management experience, and the capacity to build relationships and raise funds on behalf of the school.

This search is being conducted with the highest attention paid to confidentiality. Candidates should send, <u>as two separate documents</u>, a *curriculum vitae* and a letter of application that addresses the responsibilities and requirements described in the leadership profile available at <u>www.wittkieffer.com</u> to <u>USCRossierDean@wittkieffer.com</u> by December 10, 2019.

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