

Dean
College of Education
University of Massachusetts Amherst

The University of Massachusetts Amherst seeks nominations for and expressions of interest in the position of Dean of its College of Education.

A major public research university with exceptional undergraduate and graduate programs, UMass is a vital research enterprise, with a deep commitment to public service and to the Commonwealth. Located in the historic Pioneer Valley of western Massachusetts, and established in 1863 under the Morrill Land Grant Act, UMass Amherst is the flagship campus of the Commonwealth's university system. Offering a full range of degrees, its 1,460-acre campus serves more than 22,000 undergraduate students and more than 6,000 graduate students in a rich cultural setting. The campus is a member of the Five Colleges consortium that also includes Amherst, Hampshire, Mt. Holyoke and Smith Colleges.

As a research-oriented, Land Grant institution, the College of Education embraces its mission to offer two types of academic programs: those that prepare educational scholars to further educational theory, policy, and research; and those that prepare educational practitioners for roles in public education. The College community values reflective practice, multiple ways of knowing, social justice, collaboration, and evidence-based practice. The College of Education is an NCATE-approved comprehensive professional school (recent accreditation in 2015) providing specialized preparation in diverse areas of education. The College offers a bachelor's degree in education with a specialization in early childhood education and other approved licensure programs at the undergraduate and graduate levels. Graduate programs lead to the Master of Education (M.Ed.), Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.), Doctor of Education (Ed. D.) and Education Specialist (Ed.S.) degrees. The College currently has nearly 70 faculty, more than 600 graduate students, and robust undergraduate programs.

As the chief academic officer of the College, the Dean reports to the Provost and works closely with the campus administrative team. The Dean provides intellectual and administrative leadership for: academic programs and student success, research and scholarship, College outreach to P-12 education and other partners, and fund raising. The Dean is the primary advocate for the College. Please see <http://www.umass.edu/education/dean-search> for more details.

The successful Dean candidate will present a distinguished record of accomplishments commensurate with tenure as a full professor. An advanced degree is required. He or she will demonstrate a record of innovation in educational institutions, a desire to engage in and support public scholarship that speaks to critical issues in K-12 and higher education, and the good judgment needed to thoughtfully evaluate faculty, encourage program development, and engage faculty and fellow administrators in effective budget planning. Commitment to academic excellence and willingness to reach out to local communities and state agencies are essential qualities we seek in the individual who will have the responsibility to represent the priorities of the college and university to all audiences. The College values candidates who have demonstrated a commitment to social justice, promoting diversity, inclusion, and an openness to multicultural educational environments. An articulate and enthusiastic communicator, the new Dean will work with a faculty, staff and students deeply committed to research, engagement with communities, and developing new partnerships and initiatives.

Inquiries, nominations, and applications should be directed via e-mail to University consultants, Lucy A. Leske and Charlene L. Aguilar at UMassDeanEd@wittkiever.com. A candidate should provide a *curriculum vitae*, a letter of application that addresses the responsibilities and requirements described in the [Leadership Profile](#), plus the names and contact information of five references. All inquiries will be treated in confidence, and references will not be contacted without prior knowledge and approval of the candidate. For fullest consideration, applicant materials should be received by September 9, 2016.

The University of Massachusetts Amherst is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer of women, minorities, protected veterans, and individuals with disabilities and encourages applications from these and other protected group members.