Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University invites inquiries, applications and nominations for the position of Dean of the College of Engineering. This is a unique opportunity to lead an outstanding college of engineering and to expand the college’s engagement in research, education, and service within a modern, comprehensive university. The Dean will play a critical role in increasing opportunities for interdisciplinary collaboration within the college and across the University, developing a compelling future vision and strategic direction for engineering education and research within the college, building and strengthening the Engineering faculty, and growing enrollment in both undergraduate and graduate programs within the college.

The dean will join Virginia Tech at an exciting time of transition. The university’s 16th president, Timothy D. Sands, who began his tenure in 2014, is leading the university community in a visioning process to ensure Virginia Tech’s position as a global land-grant university leader. He is joined by several new members of the senior leadership team, including Executive Vice President and Provost Thanassis Rikakis, who began his term in the fall of 2015. Virginia Tech seeks to build on the momentum generated by a string of successes at the university over the past several years, including the establishment of a school of medicine, a growth in research that places it among the top-40 research universities in the nation, the successful completion of a $1.1 billion capital campaign, and the implementation of strategic initiatives to further develop health sciences and the arts at Virginia Tech.

As the leader of the College, the dean sets the academic tenor, promotes a culture of outstanding innovation and scholarship, and represents its faculty, students, and staff to the university and beyond. This particular dean has the opportunity to transform the role and the college, elevating both the college and the university, at a critical time in the university’s strategic positioning. The college’s department heads, associate deans, and center directors report to the dean. The dean has financial and administrative management responsibility for the college, guides and oversees its annual operating budget, advocates to the central administration for investment in new initiatives, and leads its fundraising efforts. The dean’s charge also includes providing effective leadership for the college’s faculty and administrative staff.

Individuals nominated and those who wish to apply should provide an electronic version of their curriculum vitae and a bullet point summary of leadership roles held, including the scope of responsibilities and major accomplishments in each. Review of nominations and applications for the position will commence immediately and continue until the position is filled.

All nominations and applications should be sent electronically to:

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