Virginia Tech, the leading research university in the Commonwealth of Virginia, welcomes applications and nominations for the next Dean of the College of Science. This is an exceptional opportunity to guide a college with the potential to expand boundaries of research, education, and service in the modern comprehensive university. The dean will have the opportunity to build on new degree programs launched this year that cut across disciplines and further develop an innovative curricular structure that creates an educational continuum for students interested in solving complex real-world problems. Born out of the College of Arts and Sciences in 2003 to promote and unite the sciences at Virginia Tech, the College of Science is home to world-class faculty across eight departments that sit at the nexus of interdisciplinary relationships at Virginia’s most comprehensive university. In addition to research partnerships and curricular innovations, the college fulfills a service and teaching mission that is critical to the success of other colleges and the university as a whole.

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 this fall. This new leadership will build on the momentum generated by a string of successes at Virginia Tech over the past several years, including the establishment of a school of medicine, research growth that places it among the top-40 research universities in the nation, the successful completion of a $1.1 billion capital campaign, and strategic initiatives to further develop health sciences and the arts at Virginia Tech.

For its College of Science, Virginia Tech seeks an energetic leader, strategic thinker, relationship builder, and strong communicator who will broaden the role of the college throughout the university without diluting the fundamental strengths that have been so integral to its past success. The right candidate will have a strong record of relevant research and scholarship success and the ability to lead complex organizations. He or she will also be adept at championing the college externally to donors and alumni, as well as state, national, and international leaders.

A representative search committee has been convened to conduct the search and to recommend finalists to the provost. The university is assisted in the recruitment by the executive search firm Isaacson, Miller. All inquiries, nominations, and applications will remain confidential and should be directed to:

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Electronic applications strongly encouraged.

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