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for the  
**Dean of the  
College of Education &  
Professional Studies**

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# Dean of the College of Education & Professional Studies

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**Fort Valley State University**, a state and land-grant institution of the University System of Georgia, invites applications and nominations for the position of **Dean of the College of Education & Professional Studies**. The University seeks an academic leader with proven experience in strategic planning and implementation and a commitment to student success, faculty development, and program innovation.



### The Opportunity

Fort Valley State University (FVSU), located in Central Georgia, is a comprehensive institution offering undergraduate and graduate programs. One of Georgia's historically black universities (HBCU), the University is the state's only 1890 Land-Grant Institution.

The College of Education & Professional Studies houses the education and counseling programs of the University. Faculty also provide the core curriculum for all undergraduate programs at FVSU.

The Dean of the College of Education & Professional Studies (Dean) is part of the academic team dedicated to supporting FVSU's mission of meeting the higher education needs of the state, region, and nation through innovative teaching, and applied research. Reporting to the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs (Provost), the Dean works closely with the Deans' Council and the President's Cabinet to assist in the

management of the College of Education & Professional Studies.

The Dean guides the direction of the College through strategic planning and leadership. Primary responsibilities include:

- Serves as a liaison between the College and the Office of Academic Affairs.

- Works closely with the other college deans and the Provost to formulate and implement the academic objectives of the College within the context of the mission and objectives of the University.
- Evaluates the work of faculty members within the College.
- Provides written recommendations concerning the retention, promotion, and tenure of faculty members to the Provost.
- Prepares an annual report on the progress toward the objectives of the College and the University, including recommendations related to funding and future needs.

### Qualifications

Candidate must have an earned doctorate from a regionally accredited university with a degree in a discipline represented within the College of Education & Professional Studies. Distinguished scholarly credentials and stature appropriate for the rank of Professor in a department in the College are required.

Other requirements include:

- Participatory management and leadership style that encourages and values input from others

## Fort Valley State University

### Fast Facts

**HBCU:** One of three public HBCU's in the University System of Georgia

**Locations:** Fort Valley (Historic Campus) and Warner Robins (Center)

**Enrollment:** 2,754 with 60 percent living on campus

**Degrees:** 29 undergraduate degree majors; 9 graduate programs

**Number of Faculty:** 116

**Student/Faculty Ratio:** 17:1

**Academic Units:**

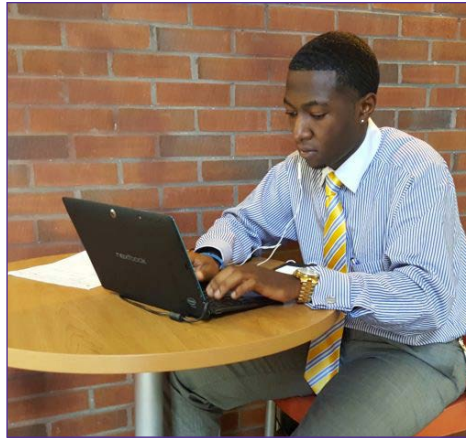
- College of Agriculture, Family Sciences, & Technology
- College of Arts & Sciences
- College of Education & Professional Studies

**Athletics:** NCAA Division II - Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference

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- Knowledgeable, or the ability to become knowledgeable, of the academic requirements of academic programs beyond those in the arts and sciences
- Proven academic leadership, administrative ability, and experience
- Experience in budget, planning, personnel, and student matters
- Ability to lead teams to achieve established goals
- Commitment to high standards in education, research, and outreach
- Ability to develop and maintain productive relationships with on- and off-campus constituencies
- Experience in program reviews, assessment, and specialized accreditation
- An established record demonstrating the recruitment and retention of high-quality faculty and staff
- Excellent oral and written



communication skills with a high level of competency related to various technologies (i.e., Outlook, Word, Excel, PowerPoint, BANNER, etc.) utilized in an academic setting

### College of Education & Professional Studies

The College of Education & Professional Studies produces highly competent teachers and counselors who are making a difference in the lives of students all

over the nation, especially in Georgia. Last year, 95 percent of FVSU's Education graduates passed the state certification exam, and 98 percent found teaching positions, were enrolled in graduate school, or became gainfully employed in careers related to education within one month of graduating.

The College of Education is committed to the preparation of "proficient educators" who are competent in content, pedagogy, and technology, as well as educators who possess a caring disposition while understanding and appreciating diversity. This commitment is implemented through our partnerships with the College of Arts and Sciences and area public schools.

Nearly 450 students are enrolled in the undergraduate and graduate programs:

- Bachelor of Science in Education with a major in Elementary Education/ Special Education
- Bachelor of Science in Education with a major in Health and Physical

## Fort Valley State University

### T. Ramon Stuart, Ph.D.



Dr. T. Ramon Stuart is Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs at Fort Valley State University. Dr. Stuart provides direction for the Academic Affairs Office, the hub of curricular and co-curricular student programming at the Fort Valley State University. The Academic Affairs Office encompasses the College of Agriculture, Family Sciences and Technology; the College of Arts and Sciences; and the newly formed College of Education and Professional Studies.

During Dr. Stuart's career at FVSU, he has been a champion for accountability and shared governance as evidenced by the relationship fostered between faculty, staff, students, academic leaders, and alumni. He led efforts to increase the number of fulltime faculty members by 16 percent, implemented a \$500,000 overhaul of classroom technology, and facilitated the signing of strategic partnerships with community colleges and Robins Air Force Base.

Long known for his commitment to student success, Dr. Stuart has worked with faculty and staff to increase the FVSU's retention rate to 75.9 percent and grow enrollment by 2.7 percent. He has established FVSU's University College to help students overcome existing challenges that may impede success in the classroom and beyond.

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### Education

- Bachelor of Science in Education with a major in Middle Grades Education
- Educational Specialist with a major in School Counselor Education
- Master of Science in Education with a major in Elementary Education/ Special Education
- Master of Science in Education with a major in Middle Grades Education
- Master of Science in Education with a major in School Counselor Education
- Master of Science with a major in Clinical Mental Health Counseling
- Master of Science with a major in Rehabilitation Counseling (offered online)

The 18 faculty and 2 staff members provide an engaged and supportive learning environment, creating opportunities for intellectual growth and personal development.

The College has established several significant partnerships, including ones with Star Base, NASA Educator Professional Development Collaborative (EPDC), Georgia Military College, Central Georgia Technical College, Central Georgia School Districts (i.e., Bibb, Houston, Peach, and Twiggs), Middle Georgia RESA, P-20 Collaborative Initiative with Georgia Professional Standards Commission

(GAPSC), and Retired Educators of Peach County.

The College holds accreditation from the National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) for Teacher Education and from the Council for the Accreditation

of Counseling & Related Educational Programs (CACREP) for School Counseling and Rehabilitation Counseling. It is pursuing national accreditation for the Counseling and Mental Health graduate program.

### Fort Valley State University

Fort Valley State University, founded in 1895, provides extensive research, academic programs, and cooperative services across the state. The University provides an educational experience of exceptional quality. The University's mission and educational goals are realized through comprehensive program offerings in each of the three academic colleges.

The University's more than 2,700 students represent 127 of Georgia's 159

counties, 20 states, and 14 countries. Ninety-two percent of the student body is African American. Sixty percent of the students live on campus, and 80 percent attend college full-time.

The diverse faculty, with 116 full-time members, provides a supportive, yet challenging learning environment that encourages innovation and inspires lifelong learning and the realization of aspirations.

Students benefit from strong mentoring by accessible professors. The close-knit campus community encourages personal and academic growth and establishing lifelong ties that extend well beyond graduation.

The University offers undergraduate and graduate programs in almost 40 fields of study at its Fort Valley Campus and Warner Robins Center, which is designed for graduate students. Four undergraduate programs – Criminal Justice, Organizational Leadership, Political Science, and Psychology – and one graduate program – Master of Science in Rehabilitation Counseling – are offered online.

Fort Valley State's Cooperative Developmental Energy Program, which prepares students for energy-industry careers in science and geology, is the only one of its kind in the nation. The program

### Accolades & Achievements

- The College was recognized as an Outstanding Partner with Bibb County Schools for the Gear Up Program in 2016.
- The College was recognized as NASA's Emerging Star in 2016 and 2017.
- The College's graduates have had strong passage rates:
  - 95% on Georgia Assessments for the Certification of Educators Content Exam
  - 85% on the edTPA, a state required performance assessment for classroom readiness
- The employment rate of graduates of the College is 98%.

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partners with major companies in the oil and energy industry. The University has the only certified Veterinary Technology program in the State of Georgia.

Biology is the most popular major at Fort Valley State. The University's acclaimed Biology department prepares and sends more African American students to medical and dental schools than any other state school in Georgia.

County extension agents and program assistants at Fort Valley State University work personally with residents in 30 counties that they serve throughout middle, east, south, and southwest Georgia. The Pettigrew Conference Center hosts more than 500 classes, seminars, and events for more than 50,000 patrons each year.

Students have many opportunities for extracurricular involvement at the University, including the marching band, concert choir, and cheerleading. There are more than 70 clubs, sororities, fraternities, and social organizations on campus.

FVSU is a member of the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference. The University's varsity athletics include men's and women's basketball, cross country, tennis, and track and field; women's softball and volleyball; and men's football. FVSU's championship

football team has produced many notable professional sports figures.

### Fort Valley, Georgia

Fort Valley is a progressive city located near the geographical center of Georgia. The city has an estimated population of

9,935. The city, established in 1856, is the county seat of Peach County and has quiet tree-lined streets and dozens of beautiful historical homes.

Long known as the "Peach Capitol of the World," Fort Valley is the center of Georgia's largest peach producing area. Lane Packing Company operates a sprawling peach packing and retail facility at the edge of town that has become a popular tourist attraction. It is also the birthplace of and corporate home to the Blue Bird Corp., one of the nation's largest manufacturers of school buses. The city is also home to the American Camellia Society.

Approximately 90 minutes south of Atlanta on I-75, Fort Valley is only three hours west of the Atlantic coastline. The Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport is an hour and a half away.

### Application and Nomination Process

*Confidential inquiries are welcomed, and nominations are invited.*

**To Apply** - Applications must include:

1. A letter of interest
2. A current resume or curriculum vitae
3. At least three references with full contact and e-mail information (References will not be contacted without the applicant's consent.)

**Submit application to [FVSU-CEPS@myersmcrac.com](mailto:FVSU-CEPS@myersmcrac.com) by June 8, 2018**, for best consideration. The search remains open until the position is filled.

**Submit nominations to [FVSU-CEPS-Nominate@myersmcrac.com](mailto:FVSU-CEPS-Nominate@myersmcrac.com)** with individual's full contact and e-mail information.

**Emily Parker Myers, CEO, and Jennifer Barfield, Senior Vice President, of Myers McRae Executive Search and Consulting** are assisting FVSU with this search.



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