



invites applications and nominations for the

**Dean of the  
College of Computing and  
Software Engineering**

# DEAN OF THE COLLEGE OF COMPUTING AND SOFTWARE ENGINEERING AT KENNESAW STATE UNIVERSITY



**Kennesaw State University**, a comprehensive, state institution of higher education, is accepting applications and nominations for the position of **Dean of the College of Computing and Software Engineering**. The university seeks an innovative, forward-looking academic administrator and scholar to lead this college of nationally recognized degree programs.



## THE OPPORTUNITY

Kennesaw State University is the third largest university in Georgia, with an enrollment of more than 35,000 students across 13 colleges and two campuses. Located just north of Atlanta, the university combines a suburban setting with easy access to one of the nation's most dynamic cities.

The university offers more than 150 undergraduate and graduate degrees, including doctoral programs. The institution is positioned to broaden its academic and research missions and expand its scope on a local, regional, and national level.

Along with its rising reputation as a world-class academic institution, Kennesaw State has been recognized as a great employer. The university received the "Great College to Work For" designation in 2014 from *The Chronicle of Higher Education* and was

named a "Top Work Place" in 2011 by the *Atlanta Journal-Constitution*.

The Dean of the College of Computing and Software Engineering offers an opportunity to lead nationally recognized academic programs in a rapidly advancing institution, becoming a global leader in higher education.

## THE COLLEGE OF COMPUTING AND SOFTWARE ENGINEERING

The College of Computing and Software Engineering (CCSE) serves more than 3,200 undergraduate and graduate students. Each of CCSE's degree programs is nationally recognized, earning the college an outstanding reputation for being one of the best schools in computing and software engineering in the nation.

CCSE has three departments: Computer Science, Information Technology, and Software Engineering

and Game Development. With an emphasis on theory and practice, CCSE provides experiential learning opportunities and partners with companies through internships, co-ops, sponsored capstone projects, and theoretical and applied research.

Faculty members are experts in a wide range of cutting-edge topics, including usability, requirements elicitation, health informatics, cybersecurity, robotics, simulation and modeling, virtual and augmented reality, and high-performance computing.

Undergraduate degrees and academic programs include:

- Applied Computer Science, BA
- Computer Game Design & Development, Minor
- Computer Game Design and Development, B.S.
- Computer Science, B.S.
- Computer Science, Minor
- Health Information Technology (HIT) Certificate
- High Performance Computing Certificate
- Information Technology, B.S.
- Information Technology, Minor
- Information Technology, B.A.S.
- Software Engineering, Minor
- Software Engineering, B.S.

Graduate degrees and certificates include:

- Computer Science, M.S.
- Information Technology, M.S.
- Software Engineering, M.S.
- Computer Science Foundations Certificate
- IT Foundations Certificate
- IT Security Certificate
- Health Information Technology Certificate

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- Data Management and Analytics Certificate
- Software Engineering Foundations Certificate
- Software Engineering Certificate

The Bachelor of Science in Software Engineering is accredited by the Engineering Accreditation Commission of ABET (<http://www.abet.org>). The Bachelor of Science in Computer Science and the Bachelor of Science in Information Technology programs are accredited by the Computing Accreditation Commission of ABET. The Bachelor of Science in Computer Game Development is accredited under the general criteria of ABET.

*AffordableColleges.com* ranked the college's online M.S. in Software Engineering program #3 among Master's in Software Engineering Programs in the U.S. for 2017. In a review of schools across the nation, the program stood out in both quality and affordability.

Programs also have earned top recognition as a Best Value School by *PayScale*, Best Online College by *CollegeChoice*, Best Colleges in Georgia by *Best Colleges.com*, Best Online Graduate Programs (among Computer Info Tech programs) by *U.S. News and World Report*.

The college currently hosts two research centers: the Center for Machine Vision and Security Research

and the Center for Applied Gaming and Media Arts.

## POSITION QUALIFICATIONS

The Dean of CCSE will be a dynamic, creative, visionary, and entrepreneurial leader who has situational and people awareness and a record of being a successful team player. The Dean will work collaboratively with faculty, staff, and administration to move CCSE forward.

Candidates must have an earned doctorate, or its foreign equivalent, with a Ph.D. preferred, in Computer Science or a related discipline and be eligible to serve at the rank of tenured professor in one of the CCSE's departments (additional information is available in the 2017-18 Faculty Handbook at [handbooks.kennesaw.edu](http://handbooks.kennesaw.edu)). A minimum of five years of administrative experience is required.

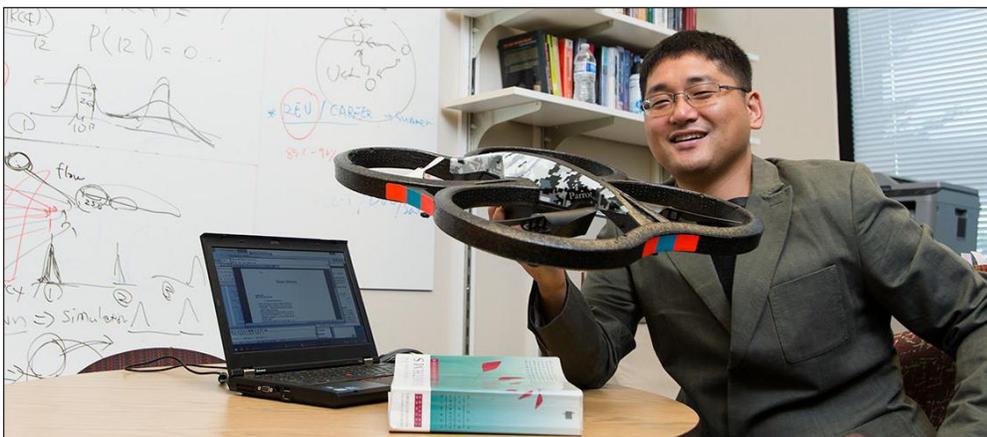
### *Additional Requirements:*

- Record of scholarly success in generating extramural funds, particularly grant and contract funding
- Ability to lead faculty in high-level teaching, research, and other scholarship at all levels
- Ability to successfully represent and advocate for the college within and beyond the university
- Legally employable in the United

States to perform the requirements of the position and otherwise meet any other legal qualifications of and expectations in the position

### *Strongly Preferred Qualifications:*

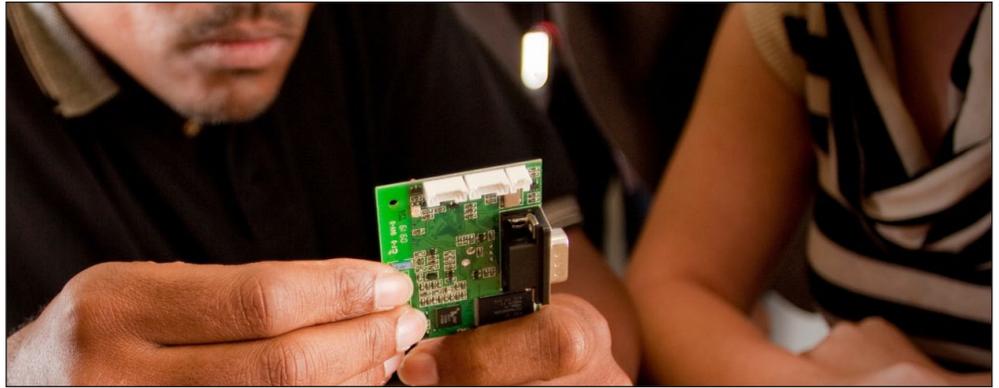
- Successful experience in higher education, preferably at the college and/or university level in the United States, and in the supervision of tenure- and tenure-track faculty members
- Successful experience as an academic department chair, associate dean, dean, or university-level administrator
- Record of scholarly success in peer-reviewed and high-level publications
- Familiarity with ABET accreditation processes and guidelines
- Familiarity with industry's needs and practices and a demonstrable ability to foster successful partnerships with industry
- Commitment to integrity and building trust through shared governance
- Effective management and budgetary skills
- Effective communicator
- Ability to establish and maintain the trust and respect of students, faculty, and staff
- Understanding and appreciation for the delivery of career-focused



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professional programs in higher education

- Experience in developing and implementing a comprehensive strategic plan
- Successful experience with multiple modalities of instructional delivery (online, face-to-face, hybrid)
- Proven record of successful collaboration with accomplishment within the private sector



## KENNESAW STATE UNIVERSITY

Since its founding in 1963, Kennesaw State University has been known for its entrepreneurial spirit and sense of community. Kennesaw State is Georgia's third-largest university, with more than 35,000 undergraduate and graduate students — nearly 5,200 residing on campus — representing more than 140 countries.

A Carnegie-designated doctoral institution, Kennesaw State offers programs leading to bachelors, masters, and doctoral degrees. It is one of the 50 largest public institutions in the nation.

Kennesaw State provides students a broad spectrum of quality academics, a growing and vibrant campus life, award-winning dining facilities, and a wide array of athletic offerings. The university holds the Community Engagement Classification from the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching and is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

Home to a chapter of the prestigious honor society of Phi Beta Kappa, Kennesaw State has nationally ranked degrees in business and engineering, as well as premier teaching, nursing, architecture, science, and math programs. The university has been

recognized for its First-Year Experience program and as one of the most innovative universities in the region.

The nursing program in the WellStar College of Health and Human Services is the largest in Georgia. The Bagwell College of Education is the second-largest producer of teachers in the state, and the Michael J. Coles College of Business boasts one of the top 50 part-time MBA programs in the country.

The university has awarded Global Engagement Certifications to graduate and undergraduate students as part of its commitment to expanding the global experience.

## KENNESAW STATE UNIVERSITY Mission Statement

Kennesaw State University offers high-quality and productive undergraduate, graduate, continuing education, and co-curricular programs. These include learning opportunities in architecture, the arts, business, computing, education, engineering and engineering technology, health and human services, honors experiences, humanities and social sciences, interdisciplinary studies, leadership development, the natural and physical sciences, study abroad, and other related disciplines. The University's research, scholarship, creative activities, and public service initiatives expand and apply knowledge, contribute to economic development, and improve the quality of life in local communities, Georgia, the nation, and the world.

The KSU community values open, honest, and thoughtful intellectual inquiry, innovative and creative problem solving, professionalism, expertise, collaboration, integrity and ethical behavior, engaged citizenship, global understanding, sustainability, mutual respect, and appreciation of human and cultural diversity. The University community strives continually to enhance student success, improve institutional quality, and respond to public demand for higher education.

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Kennesaw State competes at the NCAA Division I level in the Atlantic Sun Conference. In 2015, the university's first football team took the field, competing in the Football Championship Subdivision as an associate member of the Big South Conference.

Kennesaw State has an economic impact on the local and regional economy of more than \$1.3 billion.

## KENNESAW AND THE GREATER ATLANTA AREA

Kennesaw State University is ideally situated to offer great quality of life options, whether seeking small-town charm or dynamic city amenities. Both are within easy reach for residents.

Located just outside of Atlanta, the City of Kennesaw has a population of approximately 34,000. Residents enjoy excellent educational resources, first-rate parks and athletic facilities, affordable recreational programs, outstanding museums and cultural arts, a wide variety of shops and restaurants, and quality housing.

Thirty miles south by the interstate is downtown Atlanta, the largest metropolitan city in the Southeast. Considered a top business and transportation hub, Atlanta has the

third largest concentration of the nation's *Fortune 500* companies, including The Coca-Cola Company, Delta Air Lines, and United Parcel Service.

Complementing its vast business community, Atlanta is a major center for cultural, entertainment, and athletic activities. Live theatre, opera, ballet, symphonies, concerts, and festivals are among the multitude of offerings of the city. Sports fans enjoy a full range of activities from major league baseball, football, basketball, and hockey to PGA golf tournaments and the world-renown annual Peachtree Road Race.

Atlanta offers comprehensive healthcare, from local practices to diverse medical centers and hospitals to frontline research. Both the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the American Cancer Society are headquartered in Atlanta.

## APPLICATION AND NOMINATION PROCESS

Confidential inquiries are welcomed and nominations are invited.

**To apply** - Application must include:

- 1) Letter of interest
- 2) Curriculum Vitae
- 3) At least three references with full contact information, including e-mail addresses (references will not be contacted without applicant's consent.)

**Submit application** to [Kennesaw-CCSE@myersmcrac.com](mailto:Kennesaw-CCSE@myersmcrac.com).

**For best consideration**, submit materials by **February 26, 2018**. The search remains open until the position is filled.

**Submit nominations** to [Kennesaw-CCSE-nominate@myersmcrac.com](mailto:Kennesaw-CCSE-nominate@myersmcrac.com) with full contact and e-mail information for the nominee.

**Emily Parker Myers**, CEO of **Myers McRae Executive Search and Consulting**, is assisting Kennesaw State University with this search.



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