



UNIVERSITY OF South Carolina



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Inviting Applications and Nominations for

Dean of Undergraduate Education and Vice Provost for Undergraduate Affairs





The **University of South Carolina (USC)**, a globally recognized public research university and flagship institution of the University System of South Carolina, invites applications for **Dean of Undergraduate Education and Vice Provost for Undergraduate Affairs**. The anticipated start date is July 2024.

The University of South Carolina is among the top 100 best employers in the U.S., according to Forbes Magazine.

ABOUT THE UNIVERSITY

Among America's oldest and most comprehensive public universities, the University of South Carolina Columbia is the major research institution of the university system and its largest campus. At the heart of its mission lies the university's responsibility to state and society to promote the dissemination of knowledge, cultural enrichment, and an enhanced quality of life.

The University of South Carolina serves a diverse population of students with widely varying backgrounds, career goals, and levels of aspiration. The university offers over 320 degrees at the bachelor's, master's, doctoral, and professional program levels, affording students the most comprehensive array of educational programs in the state. Opportunities for personal and career development are provided to the citizens of South Carolina through outreach and continuing education activities. The university provides additional opportunities for associate degrees through Fort Jackson and through the oversight of regional Palmetto College campuses (Lancaster, Salkehatchie, Sumter, and Union).

Through classroom and laboratory instruction delivered in a variety of face-to-face and distance

learning formats and modalities, degree programs are offered in the following areas: arts and sciences; business; education; engineering and computing; hospitality, retail, and sport management; information and communications; law; medicine; music; nursing; pharmacy; public health; and social work. The depth and breadth of its graduate programs distinguishes the University of South Carolina from all other institutions of higher learning in South Carolina.

Recognized by the Carnegie Foundation as a top research and community engaged institution, nationally ranked in start-up businesses, and conferring over 30% of all bachelor's and graduate degrees awarded at public institutions in South Carolina, the university has a profound relevance, reach, and impact on the people of the state. As the flagship institution of the university system, the University of South Carolina leads the way in providing all students with the highest-quality education, including the knowledge, skills, and values necessary for success and responsible citizenship in a complex and changing world through engagement in nationally and internationally ranked research, scholarship, community outreach, and artistic creation.



THE OPPORTUNITY

Applications are invited for the position of Dean of Undergraduate Education and Vice Provost for Undergraduate Affairs. This position reports to the Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost. The position is expected to begin on July 1, 2024. Applicants are expected to be tenured, full-time faculty members at the rank of professor and have previous administrative experience.

The primary mission of the University of South Carolina is the education of the state's citizens through teaching, research, creative activity, and community engagement.

University employees are part of one of the state's most energizing and thriving workplaces. The University invests in offering competitive benefits, personal and professional development, and in creating an academic setting that values diversity, equity and inclusion.

Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities

The next Dean of Undergraduate Education and Vice Provost for Undergraduate Affairs will:

- Be a professor and scholar of proven excellence with a record of academic accomplishment appropriate for appointment at the rank of full professor
- Demonstrate a commitment to academic excellence and innovation in undergraduate education and possess the ability to inspire and lead faculty, staff, and students at a large public research university that values the quality of the undergraduate student experience
- Demonstrate a successful record of experience with integrated learning programs that leverage for the benefit of students many beyond-the-classroom

experiences such as service learning, internships, living/learning communities, and other student engagements

- Demonstrate a commitment to academic advising initiatives
- Demonstrate a successful record of experience collaborating with student affairs and academic support units
- Possess interest in enhancing the undergraduate curriculum
- Demonstrate a successful record of experience with curriculum development and approval processes; experience with accreditation review preferred
- Demonstrate strong commitment to access and opportunity for all students
- Possess three or more years of administrative experience and leading positive change at the department, college, or university level

Essential Functions

Oversight of the University of South Carolina undergraduate academic experience including:

- The Carolina Core, the university's general education program
- The University Advising Center and the four-year advising initiative
- Center for Integrated and Experiential Learning (CIEL), including Graduation with Leadership Distinction
- Living-learning Communities with faculty principals
- Graduation and Retention Network (GARNET)
- SACSCOC and CHE Accreditation and Compliance



Donna K. Arnett
Executive Vice President
for Academic Affairs and Provost

As the University’s chief academic officer, Dr. Arnett oversees all academic units (colleges, schools, and campuses) as well as the major academic support units. Provost Arnett works closely with fellow administrators, deans of colleges and academic and advising units, as well as many others across the University to set and advance major academic priorities.

Provost Arnett is an internationally recognized genetic epidemiologist specializing in the genomics

and pharmacogenomics of cardiovascular disease. Dr. Arnett began her career as an assistant professor of epidemiology in the School of Public Health at the University of Minnesota (UM), where she quickly rose through the ranks to become an endowed chair as the Mayo Professor of Public Health. At UM, she oversaw the Hypertension Genetic Epidemiology Network and the Genetics of Lipid Lowering and Diet Network, both family-based studies whose results brought about significant genomic discoveries underlying cardiovascular diseases. Dr. Arnett went on to serve as the associate dean for academics and strategic programs at the University of Alabama at Birmingham. Subsequently, she was recruited to serve as the Norton Healthcare Professor of Epidemiology and Dean of the College of Public Health at the University of Kentucky. In 2012–2013, Dr. Arnett served as the president of the American Heart Association, the major non-profit organization that funds cardiovascular medical research, educates consumers on healthy living, and fosters appropriate cardio care to reduce disability and deaths caused by stroke and cardiovascular disease.

Provost Arnett has been a tireless active advocate for positive social change, helping to educate lawmakers about the importance of funding for the National Institutes of Health, pushing for policy changes that promote the prevention of cardiovascular diseases, and directing public health campaigns to foster healthy lifestyle choices.





Columbia, South Carolina

Perfectly located in the heart of South Carolina, Columbia is home to the University of South Carolina. The state's capital city, Columbia is the second largest city in the state, with more than 829,000 residents in the metropolitan area. Energy and innovation collide here in ways that make Columbia a top-rated place to learn, work, live, and play.

In 2019, *SmartAsset* ranked Columbia, as the 4th most popular "City Where Millennials are Moving."

In 2022 Columbia was ranked as one of the "South's Best College Towns" by *Southern Living*. In addition, the city was named one of the "best places to live in South Carolina" in 2023 by *Travel + Leisure*.

The Main Street District in Downtown Columbia is filled with restaurants, shops, and historic landmarks

and is the location of events and festivals including the Soda City Market and First Thursdays on Main.

You can learn about the city's cultural history by visiting the Columbia Museum of Art, the Kroger Center for the Arts, or take a tour of the South Carolina State House.

For an outdoor adventure, visit Columbia's beautiful parks, miles of paved trails, and rivers for kayaking, tubing, and fishing. Within an hour's drive of Columbia is Lake Monticello, Congaree National Park, Harbison State Forest, and Lake Murray.

Columbia is a vibrant community that provides a small-town feel with the perks of living in the big city. From abundant amenities to boundless outdoor activities, there are many reasons to consider living in Columbia, South Carolina.

Application & Nomination Process

Confidential inquiries are welcomed, and nominations are invited.

Applications

1) All application packets must include the following:

- A letter of application that addresses the responsibilities and qualifications of the position
- Current curriculum vitae
- At least four references with full contact information including e-mail (References will not be contacted without consent from applicant.)

2) **Submit application packet as PDFs to USC-VPUA@myersmcr.com. For best consideration, submit application packet by March 11, 2024.** Additional information will be requested upon receipt of application. This position is open until filled.

Nominations

Submit nominations to USC-VPUA-nominate@myersmcr.com with complete contact and e-mail information for the individual being nominated.

Consultant

Jennifer Barfield, Executive Vice President of Myers McRae Executive Search and Consulting, is the lead consultant for this search. **Request a conversation regarding this search at JenniferBarfield@myersmcr.com.**



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