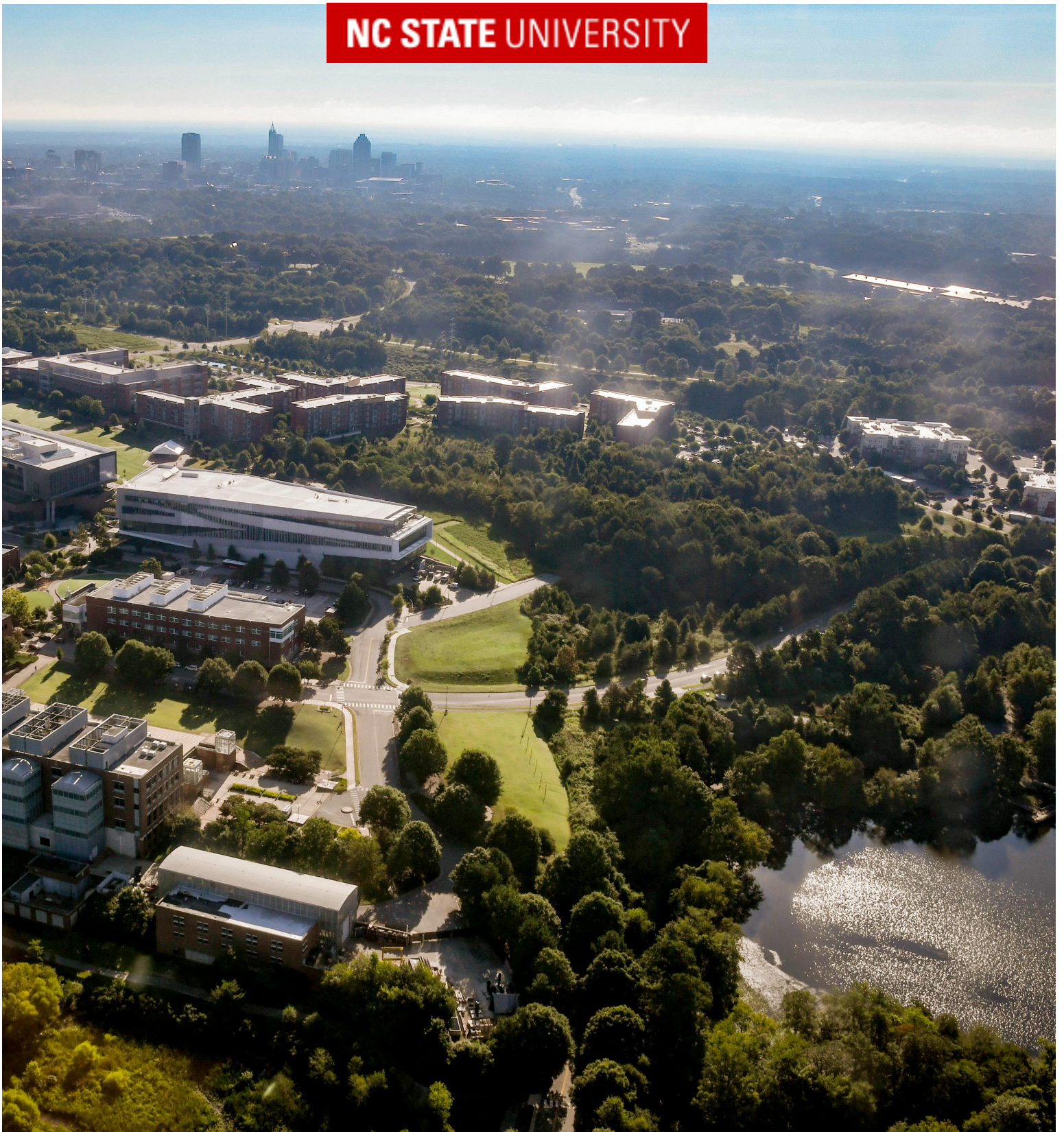


NC STATE UNIVERSITY



Job Prospectus for Associate Vice Chancellor, Research Commercialization

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NC State University

NC State University, a leading public research (R1) land-grant university, is the largest university in the state of North Carolina and home to nearly 40,000 undergraduate and graduate students. NC State has 10 colleges and a Graduate School, with academics and research spanning a variety of disciplines, including engineering, agriculture, sciences, business, textiles, humanities and veterinary medicine. In Raleigh, NC State operates a 2,200-acre, 450 building Main Campus and also operates Centennial Campus and Centennial Biomedical Campus, providing state-of-the-art facilities for corporate, industrial and government partners working alongside university research and academic units – and a veterinary hospital with 24/7 emergency care. Additionally, NC State operates agricultural farms, research stations, nurseries and greenhouses, a research forest, a PULSTAR nuclear reactor, and research and extension facilities throughout the state of North Carolina, with a presence in all 100 counties. In total, NC State operates and maintains nearly 1,200 buildings and structures on more than 100,000 acres across the state.

NC State employs more than 9,000 faculty and staff in service to its mission of advancing education, research and public engagement across North Carolina and beyond. As a preeminent public research university, NC State is recognized nationally and internationally for innovation in education, research, scholarship and engagement that solves the world's most critical challenges. NC State's research enterprise leads in big data, biomedical engineering, materials science, food safety, translational medicine and more, ranking 6th in research expenditures among public institutions without a medical school. NC State strives to be an "Employer of Choice" within a competitive region and was recognized by Forbes as a top large employer in North Carolina. The university's dynamic workplace culture depends on engaged, service-oriented employees and a vibrant, collaborative workplace experience.



The Office of Research Commercialization

The Office of Research Commercialization (ORC) accelerates the translation of NC State research discoveries into products, services, startups, and investment opportunities. ORC supports faculty, students, and industry partners through programs that evaluate, protect, market, license, and commercialize university-developed technologies. ORC also leads the university's startup and investment ecosystem, including the Wolfpack Investor Network (WIN), commercialization funding programs, and NSF I-Corps activities.

The Opportunity

The Office Research Commercialization at NC State University invites applications for the position of Associate Vice Chancellor, Research Commercialization.

The Position

The Associate Vice Chancellor for Research Commercialization (AVC-RC) provides executive leadership for NC State's commercialization enterprise, spanning intellectual property management, licensing, startup formation, venture development, and investment programs. The AVC sets university-wide commercialization strategy, ensures compliance with federal and institutional requirements, and leads programs that accelerate the translation of research into societal and economic impact.

As the AVC-RC, you will have the opportunity to expand NC State's innovation ecosystem by connecting researchers, entrepreneurs, investors, and industry partners to accelerate the journey from discovery to impact. You will lead initiatives such as the Wolfpack Investor Network (WIN), commercialization funding programs, and the NSF I-Corps Mid-Atlantic Hub, while representing NC State within regional and national innovation communities. Through your vision, partnership-building, and strategic leadership, you will help position NC State's research enterprise for greater economic and societal impact while advancing a culture of innovation across the university.



Key responsibilities fall within the following functional areas:

Strategy Leadership for Research Commercialization

- Establishes and advances NC State's research commercialization strategy, aligning innovation priorities with institutional research goals, economic development initiatives, and national R1 expectations.
- Sets enterprise-level priorities, performance measures, and service standards that strengthen commercialization outcomes across the university.
- Advises the Vice Chancellor for Research and Innovation on commercialization policy, innovation strategy, and external engagement.

Intellectual Property, Licensing & Commercialization:

- Provides executive oversight for intellectual property strategy, ensuring effective management, protection, and commercialization of university-developed innovations.
- Establishes policies, frameworks, and practices that support licensing, agreements, compliance, and responsible stewardship of intellectual assets.
- Provides university-wide leadership and guidance on intellectual property and commercialization matters.

Venture Development & Innovation Funding:

- Leads NC State's venture development ecosystem, expanding pathways for research discoveries to advance through startup formation, market validation, and investment opportunities.
- Provides strategic oversight for the Wolfpack Investor Network (WIN), commercialization funding programs, and NSF I-Corps Mid-Atlantic Hub activities.
- Cultivates relationships with investors, entrepreneurs, accelerators, and industry partners to strengthen commercialization opportunities.

Innovation Ecosystem & Executive Leadership:

- Builds strategic partnerships with industry, investors, and innovation organizations to expand research impact and strengthen NC State's role within regional and national innovation ecosystems.
- Provides leadership for a multidisciplinary commercialization team, fostering a culture of innovation, collaboration, and continuous improvement.
- Ensures effective governance, operational excellence, and high-quality services that advance the university's commercialization mission.

This is an opportunity for an accomplished commercialization leader to shape strategy, influence innovation at scale, and build connections that move groundbreaking research from discovery to impact. If you are ready to lead with vision and purpose, we invite you to apply.

Other Responsibilities

In addition to the core responsibilities of this role, there will be occasional opportunities to take on additional duties. This offers an opportunity to build on your skills, explore new areas, and gain a deeper understanding of the department's operations.

Minimum Qualifications

The ideal candidate must possess the following:

- A relevant post-baccalaureate degree with a minimum of three (3) years or greater of related professional experience, or a relevant undergraduate degree and a minimum of five (5) years or greater of relevant experience may be substituted for the advanced degree.

Other Required Qualifications

- Extensive progressively responsible leadership experience in sponsored programs, research administration, or a closely related function within a large, complex research institution.
- Demonstrated success leading enterprise-wide research administration operations, including developing strategy, guiding organizational change, and advancing operational excellence.
- Experience negotiating complex research agreements and managing institutional risk while ensuring compliance with federal regulations, sponsor requirements, and university policies.
- Proven ability to lead organizational transformation through process improvement, technology modernization, or implementation of enterprise research administration systems.
- Demonstrated success building collaborative partnerships, influencing executive and academic leaders, and leading high-performing teams within a decentralized organization.
- Exceptional communication, strategic decision-making, and relationship management skills with the ability to represent the institution in complex, high-impact matters.

Preferred Qualifications

- Terminal degree (e.g., PhD, JD, or equivalent) in a relevant discipline.
- Executive leadership experience within an R1 university or similarly complex research-intensive organization.
- Experience leading enterprise-wide research administration technology, data governance, or institutional modernization initiatives.
- Demonstrated success leading and developing senior leaders within a large, decentralized organizational environment.

How to Apply

Inquiries and nominations are invited and may be directed to: NC State Executive Search Services: Justin Lang, at (919) 513-1963 or jdlang2@ncsu.edu. Confidential review of applications will begin in September 2026 and will continue until the position is filled. Candidates should provide a resume/CV, cover letter, and the names and contact information of three (3) professional references. References will not be contacted without prior knowledge and approval from candidates. These materials must be submitted online at <https://jobs.ncsu.edu/> (position #00108757)

About NC State

At [NC State](#), we create prosperity for North Carolina and the nation. We began as a land-grant institution grounded in agriculture and engineering. Today, we are a pre-eminent research enterprise that excels across disciplines.

NC State is a powerhouse in science, technology, engineering and mathematics. We lead in agriculture, education, textiles, business and natural resources management. We are at the forefront of teaching and research in design, the humanities and the social sciences. And we are home to one of the world's best colleges of veterinary medicine.



Our more than 40,000 undergraduate and graduate students learn by doing. They pursue original research and start new companies. They forge connections with top employers and serve communities local and global. Through it all, they enjoy an outstanding return on investment. Whether it is [Princeton Review](#) ranking NC State among the nation's best values for universities, Money magazine naming it the No. 1 best college for your money in North Carolina, or [U.S. News & World Report](#) ranking NC State among the top 10 best values in public higher education, the university has many reasons to be proud. Each year, NC State adds [\\$6.5 billion to the statewide economy](#), equivalent to creating more than 90,000 new jobs. That represents a significant return on investment for the residents of North Carolina in the form of research advances, innovative technologies, successful companies, skilled graduates and new jobs waiting for them.

Our more than 10,000 faculty and staff are world leaders in their fields, bridging the divides between academic disciplines and training high-caliber students to meet tomorrow's challenges. Together, they forge powerful partnerships with government, industry, nonprofits and academia to remake our world for the better. We expect everyone to give of their talents, skills, time and effort to make NC State an environment of inclusive excellence for all.

About Raleigh and North Carolina

North Carolina's rapid growth makes the state a leader and top spot for young professionals and families. Raleigh reflects statewide growth as a city on the rise:

- No. 11 (Cary, NC) among the best places to live in the U.S. ([U.S. News & World Report, 2026](#))
- No. 5 among the best-performing cities in the U.S. ([Milken Institute, 2026](#))

With Durham and Chapel Hill, the capital city anchors the Research Triangle, a national hotspot for high-tech enterprise. The region's top companies — including IBM, Cisco Systems, SAS Institute, Biogen Idec and GlaxoSmithKline — rank among the country's best employers. NC State also maintains strong agricultural partnerships with Bayer, BASF, Novozymes and Syngenta, companies that lead the way in hiring new NC State graduates. The region maintains a robust startup ecosystem with numerous engineering and sciences startups — many from NC State — along with abundant venture capital.

Celebrating its 139th year in 2026, NC State continues to make its founding purpose a reality. Every day our career-ready graduates and world-leading faculty make the fruits of learning, discovery and engagement available to people across the state, throughout the nation and around the world.





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