

Job Prospectus for

Senior Vice Provost for Academic Programs and Initiatives

Office of the Executive Vice Chancellor and Provost

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Office of Academic Programs and Initatives

The Office of Academic Programs and Initiatives in the Office of the Executive Vice Chancellor and Provost supports the university's academic portfolio through strategic planning, resource alignment, collaboration, and the continuous evolution of academic programs and initiatives. The Office's portfolio includes Academic Planning and Programs, Digital Education and Learning Technology Applications (DELTA) NC State Continuing and Lifelong Education (NCSCaLE), the Institute for Advanced Analytics, Academy Initiatives, and non-degree credentials.

DELTA, with 112 employees, fosters the integration and support of digital learning in NC State's academic programs and supports online and distance education programs at the university. Five functional units make up DELTA: Finance and Business, Online and Distance Education, Academic Technology, Digital Learning, and Marketing and Communications.

NC State Continuing and Lifelong Education (NCSCaLE), with 111 employees, positively impacts individuals, organizations and communities of North Carolina, the nation and world through the development and delivery of market-driven continuing and lifelong education programs and services. Its functional units include the McKimmon Conference and Training Center, the Office of Professional Development, Customized Training and Development, the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, the Center for Urban Affairs and Community Services, the Collaborative and the Upper Coastal Plain Learning Council, along with several areas that support financial, marketing, print and building operations.

The Institute for Advanced Analytics, with 15 full-time employees, produces the world's finest analytics and data science professionals. Its academic programs seek to fill the pressing need for professionals with strong quantitative skills coupled with an understanding of how analytics and AI can be applied with speed, accuracy and creativity to the critical challenges facing organizations.

Academy Initiatives include Climate and Sustainability, Genetics and Genomics, and Global One Health. These groups bring together faculty, staff and students to develop opportunities across disciplines around issues of common concern, collaboration with external actors and the promotion of workforce preparedness. Non-degree credentials are a growing area of interest and work collaboratively with many academic units across campus.

The Opportunity

The Office of the Executive Vice Chancellor and Provost at NC State University invites applications for the position of Senior Vice Provost for Academic Programs and Initatives.



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The Position

As a member of the Provost's Office, the Senior Vice Provost for Academic Programs and Initiatives advises the Provost on opportunities and challenges affecting the university's academic portfolio and helps translate institutional priorities into sustainable opportunities and initiatives.

In this role, you will provide strategic leadership across a varied portfolio of academic programs and initiatives—connecting people, priorities and resources to strengthen the portfolio and identify opportunities for continued growth and evolution. Success in this role will come through building relationships across organizational boundaries and bringing together varied perspectives and expertise to advance initiatives that support the university's academic priorities. Working closely with central administrative partners, including University Data and Analytics, Enrollment Management and Services, and Institutional Effectiveness, you will use program performance, enrollment trends and institutional metrics to inform strategic decisions and identify opportunities across the academic portfolio.

Key responsibilities:

Strategic Leadership and Educational Direction:

- Provides executive leadership for the Office of Academic Programs and Initiatives (OAPI), and establishes a vision and priorities aligned with NC State's institutional goals and land-grant mission.
- Plays a central role in collaboratively shaping the future of NC State's educational portfolio, identifying emerging opportunities and advancing new models.
- Advises the Provost on trends, opportunities, and challenges affecting the university's educational portfolio.
- Champions cross-university collaboration and initiatives that expand opportunities, strengthen learner pathways and increase institutional impact.

Portfolio Leadership and Oversight:

- Provides strategic and fiscal oversight for OAPI's portfolio and supervises senior leaders responsible for its constituent units and functional areas.
- Fosters collaboration and shared direction across constituent units and functional areas, strengthening connections across the broader educational enterprise.
- Evaluates opportunities for growth, innovation, collaboration, investment and realignment across the OAPI portfolio.
- Cultivates a culture of excellence, accountability, professionalism and continuous improvement.

Academic and Educational Advancement:

- Works collaboratively with colleges, academic and administrative leaders, faculty and university partners to strengthen and evolve NC State's academic and educational portfolio.
- Identifies opportunities to develop new programs, pathways, credentials, partnerships, and educational models responsive to learner, workforce and societal needs.
- Promotes alignment among academic programs and broader educational initiatives, advancing interdisciplinary programs, pathways, credentials and other initiatives in collaboration with university and external partners to expand access, strengthen student success and advance NC State's land-grant mission.

Academic Portfolio Assessment and Decision Support:

- Uses enrollment, financial, workforce, market, student success and other institutional data to evaluate the health and competitiveness of NC State's academic portfolio.
- Actively engages in assessing the effectiveness, sustainability and strategic alignment of academic programs and educational initiatives.
- Identifies opportunities to optimize the academic portfolio in partnership with colleges and university leadership and develop executive-level recommendations for program investment, restructuring, expansion, discontinuation and consolidation.

External Engagement and Institutional Impact:

- Helps position NC State as a national leader in innovative academic programming and land-grant education.
- Cultivates relationships with external partners, professional organizations, peer institutions, employers and other stakeholders to identify opportunities for educational innovation and workforce engagement.
- Uses data, evidence and stakeholder perspectives to assess portfolio effectiveness, inform priorities and guide continuous improvement.

If you enjoy bringing people together, building trust across organizational boundaries, listening to different perspectives and communicating with clarity, this role offers the opportunity to shape the future of NC State's academic portfolio, navigate complex opportunities across the university, and use data, relationships and sound judgment to turn institutional priorities into sustainable initiatives.



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Minimum Qualifications

The ideal candidate must possess the following:

- A post-baccalaureate degree and a minimum of ten years experience in higher education is required; and preference will be given to candidates with a doctoral degree or terminal degree in their field.

Other Required Qualifications

- Knowledge of academic governance, organizational structures and decision-making processes within colleges, universities, or higher education systems.
- Experience in college, university or system-level administration, with responsibility for advancing institutional priorities, programs, or initiatives.
- Demonstrated ability to analyze information, solve complex problems, attend to details and manage competing priorities across concurrent initiatives.
- Experience leading cross-functional teams and managing complex, multi-stakeholder projects from planning through implementation.
- Ability to communicate clearly, build relationships, and cultivate collaborative partnerships across academic and administrative units and with a range of university constituents.



Preferred Qualifications

- Earned doctorate with appointment at associate or full professor eligible for tenure in a related department.
- At least five years of progressively responsible experience at the college, university or system level in academic administration, planning or strategy.

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 November 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 #00103296)

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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. 5 (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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