The Pennsylvania State University seeks candidates for the position of Dean of the College of Earth and Mineral Sciences. Pennsylvania State University is the land-grant University of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and is composed of the University Park campus, 24 other campuses located throughout the state, and Penn State World Campus, the University’s online campus. Reporting directly to the Executive Vice President and Provost of the University, the Dean serves as the principal academic and administrative officer of the College.

The College of Earth and Mineral Sciences, founded in 1896, currently enrolls approximately 2,000 undergraduate, 504 graduate students enrolled in residence, and an additional 1,500 undergraduate and graduate students enrolled in online certificate and degree programs delivered through Penn State World Campus. The College provides instruction and research opportunities in five departments—Energy and Mineral Engineering, Geography, Geosciences, Materials Science and Engineering, and Meteorology and Atmospheric Science. All five departments are considered among the top tier in their disciplines. There are 236 faculty members, including 5 members of the National Academies. In addition to the academic departments, there are a number of research centers and institutes that enhance the teaching, research, and outreach missions of the College. Programs in the College encompass cutting-edge fundamental physical and social sciences, engineering and technology. Research and education are at the forefront of topics such as advanced materials, geophysics, global climate and other environmental issues, water and energy resources, resilient livelihoods and society in the context of a changing earth. The 2016-17 operating budget for the College is approximately $39.8 million, with an endowment of $75 million, $69 million in research expenditures in 2015-2016, and annual fundraising commitment that average $15-17 million.

The position requires an individual who can lead effectively and manage one of the most cutting-edge, rapidly growing academic units in a multi-disciplinary and highly inter-disciplinary research university. Prior leadership experience with responsibility for strategic management of personnel, programs, communication, and resources is required, along with an ability to inspire students to expand their knowledge and understanding of their impact in a multicultural, global society. In addition, the successful candidate should be a visionary leader during a time of national interest in the earth and mineral sciences; have a commitment to high quality disciplinary and interdisciplinary education, as well as diversity and inclusion; a record of accomplishment in research, teaching, and fundraising; and familiarity with national issues affecting graduate education, with credentials appropriate for a tenured appointment at the rank of professor. Salary will be commensurate with experience and qualifications.

To apply, send (cover letter, curriculum vitae, and contact information of four references) via the University’s employment web site at https://psu.jobs/job/69157. Please address all inquiries and nominations to Rick Roush, Chair of the Search Committee and send to PSUSearch@psu.edu. The Search Committee will review applications and nominations beginning March 16 and will continue to receive them until the position is filled. For more information about the College of Earth and Mineral Sciences, visit our web site at http://www.ems.psu.edu/.

Employment will require successful completion of background check(s) in accordance with University policies. Final candidate(s) for the position will be required to complete a full background check process including education, employment, credit, motor vehicle verifications, criminal, and child abuse as appropriate.

To review the Penn State Annual Security Report, please go to http://www.police.psu.edu/clery/; a hard copy is available on request.

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