

COLLEGE OF CHARLESTON
Charleston, South Carolina 29424

Dean, School of Sciences and Mathematics

The College of Charleston invites applications for the position of Dean of the School of Sciences and Mathematics.

The College: The College of Charleston is a public university that has built its reputation upon a long tradition of excellence in the liberal arts and sciences. The College, founded in 1770, is the 13th oldest college in the nation, and the campus is located in the historic district of Charleston, South Carolina. The College offers 46 undergraduate majors, 18 Master's degree programs, and 10 graduate certificates. The student body includes approximately 10,000 undergraduate students and 1600 graduate students, including students from across the nation and from 67 countries.

The Position: The Dean, who reports directly to the Provost, is the chief academic and administrative officer of the School of Sciences and Mathematics and, as such, oversees all undergraduate and graduate programs within the School, including instruction, research, planning, budgeting, fund-raising, and support activities. The School consists of six departments: Biology, Chemistry & Biochemistry, Computer Science, Geology and Environmental Geosciences, Mathematics, and Physics & Astronomy. The School of Sciences and Mathematics comprises 125 full-time faculty members who take pride in their roles as Teacher-Scholars. They instruct 1,500 majors, generate total student enrollments of 14,000 each semester, and mentor numerous undergraduate researchers. The new dean will oversee the completion of the new Science Building, slated for occupancy in late 2009 and scheduled to house the departments of Biology and Chemistry and NASA-funded research and outreach programs. The new dean will also oversee the renovation of the Rita Liddy Hollings Science Center. The dean will play a vital role in the implementation of College's strategic plan and in the subsequent capital campaign.

Qualifications: The College is seeking an individual of integrity, enthusiasm, and vision, who has an understanding of and commitment to the organization, administration, and function of a public liberal arts and sciences university. This person, therefore, must be dedicated to providing a high quality liberal arts education, while recognizing and supporting the important role that undergraduate and faculty research plays within that framework. Because the new dean will enter a diverse and vital environment that includes demonstrably successful programs and new initiatives in areas such as neuroscience, he or she will be expected to increase that success through support and funding for faculty research and a renewed commitment to strategic growth in undergraduate and graduate research. The successful candidate must have a collaborative leadership style and demonstrate the ability to develop consensus and maintain collegiality in an environment of shared governance. This individual must necessarily have strong interpersonal, communication, analytical, and problem-solving skills.

The successful candidate must have an earned doctorate from an accredited institution in an appropriate academic discipline. He or she should have a demonstrated record of academic and administrative accomplishments in higher education at institutions committed to both teaching and

scholarship. This experience should include academic planning and program review, curriculum development, classroom teaching, strategic planning, budgeting, fund-raising, and fiscal/personnel management. This individual should have a demonstrated record of acquisition of external resources, such as grants from government agencies, foundations, the corporate sector, and private donors.

Applications: Position start date negotiable, preferably on or before July 1, 2010. Salary is competitive and dependent upon experience and qualifications. The Dean's Search Committee will begin reviewing nominations and applications on October 15, 2009 and will continue until the position is filled. Applicants should address a cover letter, curriculum vitae, and the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of three professional references to Dean Cynthia Lowenthal, Dean of Humanities and Social Sciences, Chair of the Search Committee-Dean, School of Sciences and Mathematics, 66 George Street, Charleston, South Carolina 29424. Electronic submissions (PDF), sent to www.highereddecisions.com, preferred. The College of Charleston is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action employer.