



Vice Chancellor for Research and Innovation Rutgers University–New Brunswick

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The Office of the Chancellor of Rutgers University–New Brunswick seeks nominations and applications for the position of Vice Chancellor for Research and Innovation (VCRI). Reporting directly to the Chancellor and working closely with the Provost and the New Brunswick academic deans, the VCRI will be responsible for overseeing, nurturing, and advancing the faculty research enterprise at Rutgers–New Brunswick and developing relationships with government agencies and the private sector to significantly enhance the visibility of the University’s research and innovation profile.

The VCRI will be responsible not only for ensuring that Rutgers–New Brunswick is alert to emerging research opportunities, but equally for creating an environment and culture that encourages faculty to engage in field-defining research and risk taking. S/he will oversee the campus level interdisciplinary research centers and institutes that involve multiple New Brunswick schools and units; work closely with RBHS leadership and the Office of Senior Vice President of Research and Economic Development (SVP) to help catalyze new research partnerships that leads to an ecosystem for technological, business, and social innovation; provide vision and strategic planning necessary to develop, and strengthen New Brunswick research infrastructure; coordinate and work closely with the SVP on matters pertaining to compliance in animal and human subject research, biohazardous materials and University policies associated with responsible conduct in sponsored research and creative work. The VCRI will join the Chancellor and the SVP to be a compelling voice for the research, innovation and technology transfer activities and its benefits to both internal and external constituencies, and particularly to the State of New Jersey.

As chief research officer of Rutgers–New Brunswick, the VCRI will serve as a member of the Chancellor’s leadership team and work closely with the Provost to insure the integration of research, scholarship, and creative work with other components of the University’s academic mission. S/he will champion a culture of excellence in research across all fields of inquiry and support activities that engages our collective knowledge, tools, and creativity to advance our understanding of humanity, society, and the world. The VCRI will partner with the Chancellor in fundraising and build new linkages with alums and foundations.

The Chancellor intends to fill this position from among the ranks of current Rutgers–New Brunswick tenured faculty. The most viable candidates will be at the rank of full or

distinguished professor and have experience building and leading a highly successful program of funded research. The successful candidate will have a good understanding of the diverse domains of scholarship and creative activity at Rutgers–New Brunswick and will have experience and/or interest in building research relationships with federal agencies, industrial enterprises, and foundations for their support. The successful candidate will be committed to fostering and promoting women and historically underrepresented groups.

Faculty in all disciplinary areas are welcome to apply. A search advisory committee, chaired by Dr. Wise Young, Richard H. Shindell Chair in Neuroscience has been charged with recommending a slate of the most viable candidates to the Chancellor. All nominations and applications should be submitted by October 27, 2017 to vcricri@oq.rutgers.edu. The letter of application (no more than 2 pages) should describe why the candidate is suitable for this position and include a vision for enhancing Rutgers–New Brunswick’s research and innovation capacity. A current CV and list of 5 references (internal and external) should be included; references will not be contacted without informing the candidate. The preferred start date for the Vice Chancellor for Research and Innovation is January 2, 2018. While this is intended to be a full-time position, depending on the current research and other obligations, the chosen candidate may begin part-time.

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