Central Connecticut State University announces the search for a new Provost and invites expressions of interest, nominations, and applications.

Central seeks an energetic and creative provost to partner with its recently-hired president, Dr. Zulma Toro. The oldest public institution of higher education in Connecticut and the largest of its regional comprehensive universities, Central is in a very strong financial position and enjoys stable enrollments. It has a strong commitment to serve its students and the increasingly diverse region of which it is a part. Under Dr. Toro’s leadership, it is poised to grow both in size and in the effectiveness with which it fulfills its mission.

Founded in 1849 as New Britain Normal School, Central has evolved to become a modern comprehensive university with both undergraduate and graduate programs built on a robust foundation of liberal learning. One of the four regional comprehensive universities in Connecticut, it is part of the 17-member Connecticut State Colleges and Universities system created in 2012. It is also part of the Greater Hartford area of 1.2 million residents and is centrally located in the state, within easy reach of much of Connecticut and several of the major metropolitan areas in the region.

Central’s five schools – the Carol A. Ammon College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences, the School of Business (AACSB-accredited), the School of Education and Professional Studies, the School of Engineering, Science, and Technology, and the School of Graduate Studies – offer 100 major programs in over 80 fields of study, including bachelor’s and master’s degrees as well as several sixth-year professional diplomas and doctoral degrees in educational leadership and nurse anesthesia practice. In recent years, Central has added master’s programs in accounting, exercise science, and STEM education, and an MBA.

Central’s 11,784 diverse students are taught and mentored by 455 talented full-time and 575 part-time faculty members and are supported by a devoted full-time staff of 512 and a part-time staff of 125, all of whom are true partners in the educational enterprise. Central’s faculty and staff are committed to shared governance in a collective bargaining environment.

Central’s faculty and staff provide a rich educational experience in addition to classroom instruction. Its international study/travel program is often ranked by Open Doors as one of the top 40 in the
nation among regional comprehensive universities. Twenty-one per cent of Central’s graduates have had a research experience. The Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement for Teaching has recognized Central for its high level of community engagement. In 2016, Central’s Community Engagement Committee was awarded the first CT Campus Compact Campus Leadership Award in recognition of its efforts to foster more community engagement activity by CCSU faculty and students.

As chief academic officer, the provost is a key partner in academic decision-making, providing leadership in all academic matters and working collaboratively with deans, faculty, staff, and administration to further the University’s mission and vision. The new provost will be expected to provide leadership in a variety of areas, including learning assessment; student-success programs; general-education review; academic-program assessment and planning; reaccreditation; faculty hiring and development; and creating an environment in which faculty entrepreneurship, research, and creative activity will flourish.

The ideal candidate will have a strong academic background; a history of successful academic leadership, including administrative experience at the level of dean or above; broad experience with the major issues and challenges of academic affairs; and the ability to work collegially with students, faculty and staff, fellow administrators, and members of the wider community.

For further information about this opportunity and instructions to applicants, please visit www.agbsearch.com/searches/provost-central-connecticut-state-university

For fullest consideration, applications should be received by October 23, 2017.

Nominations and inquiries are welcomed and should be directed to:

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All inquiries, nominations, and applications will be held in the strictest confidence.

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