

Santa Clara University
Dean of the School of Engineering

Santa Clara University seeks a visionary, strategic and collaborative leader to serve as its next Dean of the School of Engineering and invites inquiries, nominations and applications.

Santa Clara University is a leading Jesuit Catholic institution that has grown in size and stature, and is increasingly recognized as one of the most dynamic and successful private nonprofit universities in the West. Located in California's Silicon Valley, Santa Clara University is pursuing an ambitious period of growth across multiple fronts and has developed an integrated strategic plan, Santa Clara 2020. As noted in Goal Three of the Plan, Santa Clara "will build on its academic programs and linkages within Silicon Valley to become one of the top educational institutions advancing an entrepreneurial mindset, scientific discovery, and technological innovation in greater service of humanity."

Santa Clara seeks as their next Dean of the School of Engineering a recognized leader with a distinguished record of academic or professional accomplishment; experience leading and managing faculty and staff in a university or equivalent setting; demonstrated acumen in budgetary and financial affairs; a record of leading strategic planning and successful innovation; enthusiasm for external engagement and fundraising; an ability to engage industry leaders and build meaningful partnerships; a track record of making and implementing decisions in a collaborative and coordinated manner; an appreciation of and a commitment to shared governance with the faculty; support for the recruitment, retention, and success of a diverse community of faculty, staff and students; and recognition of and commitment to excellence in teaching and scholarship as integral to Santa Clara's Jesuit educational mission.

The School of Engineering has been dedicated to preparing students for professional excellence, responsible citizenship, and service to society for more than a hundred years. Santa Clara's dynamic programs in bioengineering; civil, environmental, and sustainable engineering; computer engineering; electrical engineering; mechanical engineering; power systems and sustainable energy; applied mathematics, and engineering management provide the theoretical and practical instruction necessary for professional excellence. The School believes that combining expert instruction, a commitment to personalized mentoring, and the promotion of an ethical and entrepreneurial mindset in the curriculum produces a class of engineers who are not only technically outstanding but excellent citizens as well.

It is an exciting time for the School, as Santa Clara University is embarking on the single most transformational initiative in the history of the campus. Inspired by Jesuit ideals and Silicon Valley's culture of collaboration and innovation, the School, in partnership with the College of Arts and Sciences, will shape leaders in science, engineering, and mathematics to forge breakthroughs, solve society's most complex problems, and build a more humane, just, and sustainable world. As part of this effort to bring together faculty and students in STEM-related fields, the University, the School, and the Dean will foster transformative pedagogy and innovative curricula, disciplinary depth and convergence, engaging research, integration with the University community, engagement with Silicon Valley, and engineering with a mission, consistent with Jesuit values.

To support these efforts, the University will locate a variety of spaces that support STEM teaching and research in a new 270,000 square foot facility– the Sobrato Campus for Discovery and Innovation. It blends classrooms, laboratories, project spaces, and informal gathering spaces to create an inviting and highly flexible learning and research environment.

The Dean will have an outstanding opportunity to collaborate with colleagues from across campus to promote the convergence of science and engineering disciplines, foster innovative teaching and research, and build industry collaborations, internship opportunities, educational outreach, and initiatives that address the needs of our students and faculty, the local community, the underserved, and the global poor.

Inquiries, nominations and applications are invited. Review of applications will begin immediately and will continue until the position is filled. For fullest consideration, applicant materials should be received by January 14, 2019. Candidates should provide, as three separate documents, a curriculum vitae, a letter of application that addresses the responsibilities and requirements described in the Leadership Profile, available at www.wittkieffer.com, and the names and contact information of five references. The recruitment will be conducted in confidence until finalists are invited for campus visits, at which time professional references will also be contacted. Send these materials by e-mail to Santa Clara University consultants, Suzanne Teer and Julia Venetos, at SantaClaraEngineeringDean@wittkieffer.com. Candidates may also direct questions to the consultants through the office of Meagan Shimkus at mshimkus@wittkieffer.com or 630-575-6725.

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