



## **Dean of Dedman College**

Southern Methodist University invites nominations and applications for the position of Dean of Dedman College, the college of humanities and sciences. We welcome candidates from all backgrounds and seek an innovative leader strongly committed to excellence in scholarship and teaching. The Dean will lead a productive faculty and be expected to be a significant partner in developing connections to the Dallas/Fort Worth community. The Dallas/Fort Worth Metroplex is home to several universities, internationally-renowned medical centers, governmental agencies, numerous arts organizations, and Fortune 500 and 100 corporations. It is a top 5 media market and will soon become the third largest metroplex in the country. See <http://www.dallaschamber.org> and <http://www.smu.edu/newatsmu/smu101/aboutdfw.asp>

### **The University**

SMU is an inclusive and intellectually vibrant community of teachers and scholars that values research, teaching, creativity, and professional development. SMU is a selective, private university with an enrollment of approximately 11,000, of whom 40% are graduate students. Founded in 1911 by the Methodists from the south and southwest, SMU is nonsectarian in its teaching and is committed to academic freedom and open debate. It draws faculty and staff from diverse backgrounds.

In addition to Dedman College, SMU has professional schools in theology, arts, law, business, education and engineering. Doctoral degrees are offered in various disciplines of the humanities, social sciences, natural sciences, engineering, and professional fields. The university has 600 faculty members and library holdings of nearly 3 million volumes. The campus is in the heart of Dallas and is five miles north of downtown in a residential neighborhood. Explore SMU at <http://www.smu.edu>.

### **Dedman College**

Dedman College ([www.smu.edu/dedman](http://www.smu.edu/dedman)) offers more than 85 majors and minors and is home to disciplines fundamental to the liberal arts. As one of the oldest and easily the largest academic unit at SMU, it has more than 250 full-time faculty members, including 23 endowed professors. Approximately 40 percent of SMU's undergraduates choose majors in the College. There are 16 departments, as well as numerous interdisciplinary and pre-professional programs, 18 graduate programs leading to a Master's degree and 12 programs leading to a Doctor of Philosophy degree. Dedman College also provides the solid foundation of a liberal arts education to all SMU students through the University's General Education curriculum.

### **The Dean**

The Dean will be the chief academic and administrative officer of the College, reporting directly to the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs of the University. The Dean is responsible for the recruitment and retention of faculty, student enrollment, and all aspects

of the academic programs of the College. The Dean serves as the primary advocate of Dedman College, both internally and externally.

This is an exciting point in the history of SMU and the College. SMU enjoys rare budgetary stability and a growing endowment that exceeds \$1 billion. Dallas and the southwest are among the fastest growing and most vibrant regions in the country. Significant opportunities for a new Dean include the following.

- Academic programs within Dedman College in particular are at the heart of the new \$750M financial campaign for a Second Century. The expected success of the campaign will be a tremendous opportunity to shape new initiatives guiding the future of the College. <http://smu.edu/leadership/plan.asp>
- International Education is a high priority for SMU, and Dedman College will play a critical role. SMU offers more than 20 study-abroad programs as well as a unique campus in Taos, New Mexico, on the site of a historic fort and 13th-century Native American pueblo.
- SMU attracts students from all 50 states and nearly 90 countries, and its student population is 21% minority. A new Dean will have opportunities to continue to diversify the faculty and student population.
- There are new interdisciplinary initiatives between the College and the professional schools. A new Dean will be able to develop these initiatives as well as inaugurate others in liberal arts education in the College.
- SMU continues to cultivate opportunities for collaboration with other segments of the Dallas community, including other universities, and major biotech and medical research centers, and the Dallas Independent School District.
- A new minor in Human Rights is housed in Dedman College, one of only three in the nation. It was recently funded with a new gift. <http://smu.edu/humanrights/>
- The George W. Bush Presidential Center will be an asset for many Dedman departments, with opportunities for concurrent appointments and research conferences.
- As a diverse and multiethnic city, Dallas offers a number of opportunities for expanding service learning and community engagement for all students. Partnerships with Dallas Independent School District and a variety of service and art organizations already exist. <http://smu.edu/lci/sl/servicelearn.asp>.
- With the appointment of an Associate Vice President for Research and Dean of Graduate Studies, SMU has committed greater resources for scholarly activity, sponsored research, and graduate programs to enhance its status as an internationally important center for research. A new Dean will play a key role in the development of any new graduate programs in the College.
- SMU hopes to become a more residential campus and is actively exploring new ideas about living and learning communities.
- SMU is already home to many distinguished interdisciplinary centers, including the John Goodwin Tower Center for Political Studies, the William P. Clements Center for Southwest Studies, the Institute for the Study of Earth and Man, and the Cary M. Maguire Center for Ethics and Public Responsibility. A new Dean will have the opportunity to craft and promote new centers. <http://smu.edu/centers/default.asp>

## **Qualifications**

We seek an energetic, astute, and innovative leader who is eager to lead Dedman College in developing its role, nationally and internationally, as a model for liberal arts education and cutting-edge research in the twenty-first century. The successful candidate must hold a terminal degree, be eligible for tenure at the rank of full professor, and have demonstrated administrative skills. In addition, the Dean must have a vision for leadership, a capacity to communicate that vision clearly and effectively to constituencies both within and outside the University, and a willingness to engage in the effort to identify and raise the resources for fulfilling that vision. Candidates must have a commitment to academic excellence, to the merits of diversity, to the spirit of innovation, and to the creation of higher levels of achievement for the University.

The Dean Search Committee invites letters of nomination, applications (with a letter of interest, a complete CV, and a list of references that includes their contact information), or expressions of interest to be submitted to the search firm assisting SMU. Confidential review of materials will begin immediately and will continue until the appointment is made. Candidates who submit nominations or materials by November 30, 2009 will receive the most complete consideration. Materials should be submitted to:

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