



**Dean of the Coles College of Business
Kennesaw State University**

Kennesaw State University invites nominations and applications for the Dean of the Coles College of Business. KSU is a rapidly growing and progressive university in Georgia's public system of higher education. Located on an attractive campus in suburban Atlanta, KSU currently enrolls over 21,000 traditional and nontraditional baccalaureate, masters, and doctoral students.

The Coles College of Business has an outstanding national and international reputation as a leading business school. Recently ranked "among the best" by CEO magazine, the College is AACSB International accredited and has 126 full-time faculty members, over 50 supporting faculty and 30 staff in the School of Accountancy and the Departments of Economics and Finance, Management and Entrepreneurship, Leadership and Executive Development, and Marketing and Professional Sales. The School of Accountancy has separate AACSB International accreditation. The Coles College offers an undergraduate B.B.A. degree with majors in accounting, finance, economics, international business, marketing, management, and professional sales, as well as an M.B.A. and Masters of Accounting degree. In addition, the Executive M.B.A. is a top ranked program for experienced professionals. In 2009, KSU will begin offering an innovative, executive D.B.A. degree for working professionals.

The Coles College offers a vibrant, high quality, real-world learning experience unlike any other, and it proudly hosts 8 business centers: Center for Business Innovation and Creativity; Center for Professional Selling; Coles Center for International Business Initiatives; Cox Family Enterprise Center; Econometric Center; Corporate Governance Center; SBA Small Business Development Center; and The Edge Connection, SBA Women's Business Center. It is the largest college in the university with over 4,000 students. Its diverse programs, global emphasis, technological focus, centers of academic excellence, thriving corporate partnerships, and contemporary curriculum prepare students for today's rapidly changing business world.

The Dean will have an exceptional opportunity to build on strong traditions of excellent student-centered education, committed and collegial teacher-scholars and staff, and motivated, career-oriented students. As the primary advocate for the College, the Dean is responsible for articulating and implementing the vision and brand of the Coles College of Business to both internal and external constituencies, strengthening its links with these stakeholders, fostering innovative program development, and pursuing new sources of funding and support for the College. The Dean is expected to promote excellence in faculty teaching, applied scholarship, and service while supporting and valuing the diversity of faculty strengths and talents within the College.

As the executive officer for the Coles College, the Dean has responsibility for directing faculty resources, managing relations with accrediting agencies, and generating and administering the financial resources of the Coles College. The Dean will possess the enthusiasm, leadership, and communication skills necessary to direct a growing professional college. In particular, the Dean should demonstrate an understanding of the competitiveness of the business school environment regionally, nationally, and internationally, and the ability to link the College to the business and economic development needs of the region, the capacity to stimulate growth of financial resources, and the aptitude to enhance academic programs for maximum impact.

The Dean is the chief academic and administrative officer of the College and reports directly to the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs.

The successful candidate is expected to have the following:

- an earned doctorate from an AACSB International accredited institution
- accomplishments and achievements in teaching, research/creative activity, and service that qualify for the rank of professor
- proven ability to procure outside funds/support from external constituencies
- an appreciation for the unique mission of the College and the diversity of faculty strengths and talents within the College
- highly effective interpersonal, communication, and team building skills
- significant leadership and experience in administration, research, and teaching
- skilled fiscal management and oversight, and experience in developing, managing, and justifying budgets.

In addition, the successful candidate is expected to demonstrate a commitment to honoring and advancing diversity and collaboration.

Application Procedure: Review of applications will begin immediately, and continue until the position is filled. It is preferred, however, that all nominations and applications be submitted prior to December 29, 2008. Application materials, including a letter of interest that reflects on the desired attributes, vita, and contact information for five references and the candidate's professional relationship with each reference listed, should be electronically submitted to:

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