

North Park University Provost

North Park University is seeking a person of active and expressed Christian faith, a skilled administrator, and an accomplished academic to serve as the University's next Provost, the chief academic officer. A Christian university in the heart of Chicago, IL, North Park has a historic commitment to three distinctive identities—Christian, city-centered, and intercultural—and recently earned designation as a Hispanic-Serving Institution.

The University: Founded in 1891 by the Evangelical Covenant Church, North Park is located on Chicago's northwest side, with satellite campuses in Grayslake, Waukegan and Arlington Heights. The university serves an increasingly diverse population of students from the city of Chicago, the nation, and the world. In February 2020, North Park was designated a Hispanic-Serving Institution (HSI) by the U.S. Department of Education. Also in February 2020, the Board of Trustees unanimously voiced its endorsement for North Park Next – the exciting, three-phase collaborative enterprise to create an inspiring future and build on North Park's distinctives to emerge as the model for Christian higher education in 21st Century America.

The Position: As the chief academic officer, the Provost provides leadership for the development and implementation of all academic planning and policy as well as the academic budget; reviews and approves academic appointments; and makes recommendations to the president on promotion and tenure decisions. Within this role, the Provost coordinates across all academic units—College of Arts and Sciences; School of Business & Nonprofit Management; School of Education; School of Nursing & Health Sciences; School of Music, Art and Theatre; School of Professional Studies; and Theological Seminary.

The new Provost will have the unique opportunity to join North Park as the university reimagines and attains its future as a model for Christian higher education in 21st Century America. The successful candidate will be a collaborative change manager with strong communication skills, innovative ideas and accomplishments, and an analytical approach to decision-making. The ideal candidate will possess an understanding of the academic evolution needed to embrace an HSI designation, and a commitment to an educational environment that is Christian, intercultural, and city-centered. The leader will have a strong record of both effective academic administration and scholarly productivity along with a passion for small institutional environments. Joining the University at a critical time, the Provost will integrate into a dynamic, collaborative leadership team committed to the needs of the institution for long term success. The next Provost is expected to assume office in summer 2021.

Applications and Nominations: Academic Search is assisting North Park University with this search. Nominations and inquiries may be directed to are Senior Consultant Andrea Warren Hamos and Consultant Mahauganee Shaw. The position is open until filled, but only applications received by March 18, 2021 can be assured full consideration. Application

materials can be submitted to NorthParkProvost@academicsearch.org. For more information on North Park University, the position, and the application procedures, please visit [this link](#).

North Park is committed to providing and maintaining a welcoming environment, and will not tolerate discrimination, harassment, sexual misconduct, relationship violence, retaliation, or any form of intimidation by any person in any form directed against students, faculty, or staff of the institution. To assure that its commitment is met, North Park has adopted a [Policy Against Discrimination, Harassment, Sexual Violence, Relationship Violence, and Retaliation](#). The Policy prohibits discrimination or harassment of any member of the University community because of his or her race, color, national origin, sex, age, disability, veteran's status, or other protected status, as those terms are defined by applicable local, state, and federal law, subject to North Park's right, as a religious institution, to make decisions on the basis of religious beliefs and lifestyle consistent with the religious principles espoused by the [Evangelical Covenant Church](#).