

Job Prospectus for the Senior Vice Provost for University Interdisciplinary Programs

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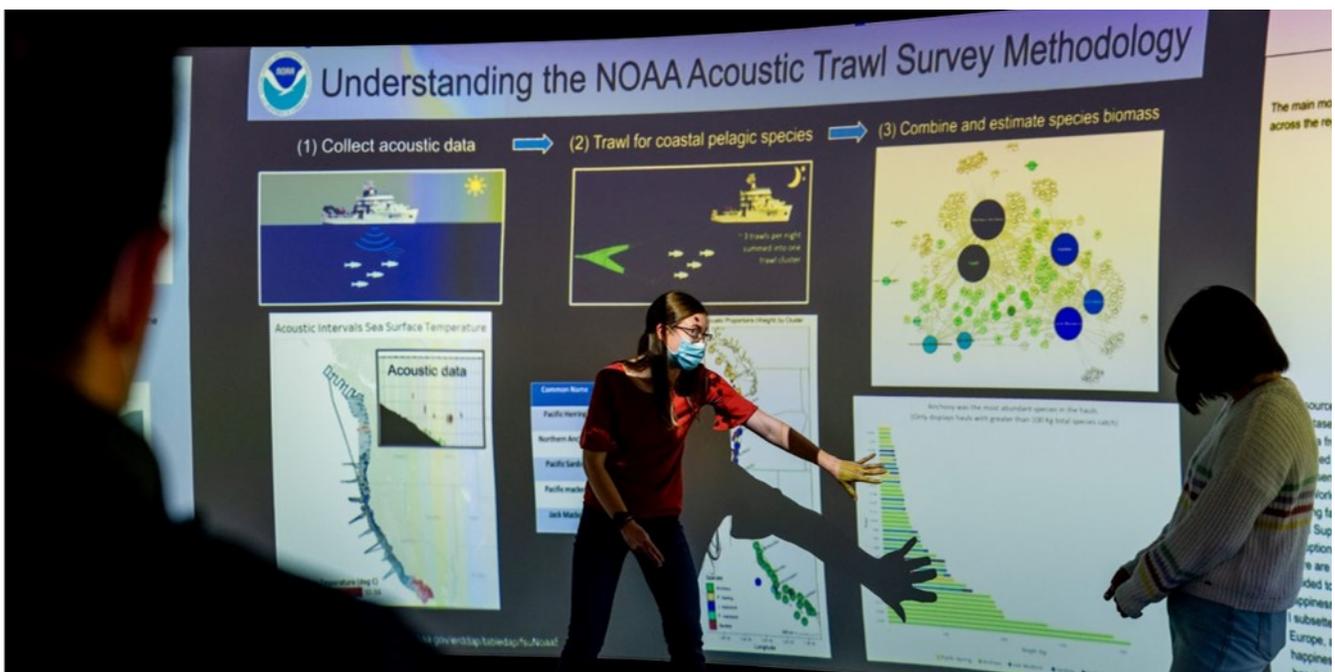
Office of University Interdisciplinary Programs

The [Office of University Interdisciplinary Programs](#) within the Office of the Executive Vice Chancellor and Provost provides leadership, direction and oversight for the programmatic planning and implementation of universitywide interdisciplinary programs and initiatives.

This newly-created office builds on successful interdisciplinary efforts that were begun as part of NC State’s previous strategic plan. The office also brings key Provost’s Office units and initiatives that cross disciplinary boundaries together in one place. It fosters and supports partnerships with university-level interdisciplinary programs and oversees the following: the Chancellor’s Faculty Excellence Program, academies, the Biotechnology Program, the Coastal Resilience and Sustainability Initiative, NC State Entrepreneurship, the Integrative Sciences Initiative and Building and the Shelton Leadership Center. The office’s work is closely aligned with [Wolfpack 2030: Powering the Extraordinary](#), NC State’s 2021-2030 Strategic Plan, and will advance all three pillars of the university’s land-grant mission: excellent teaching, research and engagement.

The [Chancellor’s Faculty Excellence Program](#) brings world-class faculty in diverse fields to NC State. The program has brought more than 80 new faculty members in 20 clusters to enhance the breadth and depth of NC State’s solution-driven research and innovation. The clusters build on historic strengths in the sciences, engineering, math, design, textiles, humanities and social sciences, and education, and take those strengths in bold new directions.

In 2021, NC State launched two new academies: the [Data Science Academy](#) and the [Genetics and Genomics Academy](#). At NC State, an academy is a strategically-focused university-level interdisciplinary unit with the potential and goal of working with all 10 colleges. Academies provide a common ground for faculty, staff and students of colleges, centers, institutes and other initiatives to connect and contribute to NC State’s key areas of interdisciplinary strength, providing leadership for North Carolina, the nation and the world. The work of the academies will address all three pillars of the university’s land-grant mission: excellent teaching, the creation and application of knowledge, and engagement with public and private partners. Each academy is overseen by an executive director.



The [Biotechnology Program](#) is a minor-only program for undergraduate and graduate students at NC State; non-thesis graduate students may choose to complete a graduate certificate in biotechnology. The program provides excellent laboratory-based education to students and involves faculty, staff, and life science professionals in the region.

The [Coastal Resilience and Sustainability Initiative](#) envisions a different future, one where natural ecosystems, coastal plain communities, and rural and agricultural economies are more resilient in the face of rapid social and environmental change. This initiative will bring together researchers in natural sciences, social sciences, engineering and technology to find actionable solutions that can inform the choices before us and lead to a more sustainable future.

[NC State Entrepreneurship](#) encompasses a wealth of programs and initiatives that equip students with everything they need to become a successful entrepreneur. NC State is ranked No.1 in the Southeast and No. 15 in the nation for both undergraduate and graduate entrepreneurship programs by The Princeton Review and Entrepreneur magazine for 2022.

NC State is in the design development phase for the new [Integrative Sciences Building](#) (ISB), which will facilitate interdisciplinary synergies in research and education that will continue to enhance NC State's reputation as an outstanding R1 university. As NC State has outgrown its currently available space for lab-based science programs, the \$160 million ISB will provide much-needed STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) teaching and research space and will inspire academic and research creativity focused on collaboration, discovery and transfer of knowledge.

The mission of the [Shelton Leadership Center](#) is to inspire, educate and develop values-based leaders committed to personal integrity, professional ethics and selfless service. Founded in 2002 following the retirement of General H. Hugh Shelton, USA (R), former Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the center serves the campus community and beyond through experiential education and service opportunities for pre-college, college, and professional audiences.



The Opportunity

NC State invites applications and nominations for the position of senior vice provost for University Interdisciplinary Programs. The university seeks a creative, innovative leader with a strong vision for interdisciplinarity in higher education who is committed to fostering interdisciplinary collaboration through the central support of strategic universitywide efforts and initiatives.

The Position

The senior vice provost will lead the newly-launched Office of University Interdisciplinary Programs, providing strategic planning and management necessary to support successful implementation and oversight of interdisciplinary programs throughout the university.

The senior vice provost reports directly to the executive vice chancellor and provost and is responsible for the following:

- Leads, directs and implements the university's interdisciplinary initiatives and programs, partnering with leaders across the university and engaging external partners to move forward NC State's land-grant mission;
- Partners with the senior vice provost for Instructional Programs to review and enhance the development of new interdisciplinary courses/programs as well as to envision new paths to interdisciplinary credentialing enhancing the student experience;
- Collaborates with the Office for Research and Innovation to further promote a culture and structure to support interdisciplinary research allowing the university to recruit and retain top-level faculty;
- Oversees the Chancellor's Faculty Excellence Program, interdisciplinary academies, the Biotechnology program, NC State Entrepreneurship, the Shelton Leadership Center and the implementation and management of interdisciplinary initiatives to include but not limited to the Integrative Sciences Initiative and Building and the Coastal Resilience and Sustainability Initiative as well serving as a liaison to the Plant Sciences Initiative; and
- Collaborates with university partners in the development of overarching structures that support and guide interdisciplinary activities, to include the review and/or revision of policies such as those for faculty reappointment, promotion and tenure, and works strategically with administrators to create interdisciplinary spaces on campus using best practices.

Qualifications

The successful candidate will possess most, if not all, of the following qualities or experience:

- Ability to play a key role in university leadership, advocating for the unit and forging advantageous and strategic connections across the university;
- Demonstrated commitment to interdisciplinarity through supporting interdisciplinary efforts across departmental, college or university/agency or university/private/corporate boundaries;
- Proven record of success in setting priorities, allocating resources and achieving specific goals;
- Outstanding communication skills, including interpersonal, written, verbal, presentation and listening capabilities to effectively communicate with partners both within and outside the university;
- Demonstrated success as a senior academic and administrative leader, gained through the leadership of a large administrative or academic unit, and readiness to provide leadership at a complex doctoral/research extensive university;
- Demonstrated commitment to equity, diversity and inclusion;

- Strong ability to work effectively and collaboratively with faculty, university administration and other constituent groups and partners both within and outside the university;
- Strong commitment to interdisciplinary teaching and research excellence, with a record commensurate with the expectations of a major research university;
- Working knowledge of a research-extensive university with demonstrated leadership in the areas of academic administration and academic and program planning;
- Ability to function in a complex, high-demand environment, balancing and executing internal and external responsibilities;
- Minimum of ten years of related professional experience is required; and
- Preference will be given to candidates with a doctoral or terminal degree in their field and eligible for appointment as a tenured professor.

How to Apply

General inquiries and nominations can be sent directly to NC State Executive Search Services: Frank Barragan, at (919) 515-4365 or fbarrag@ncsu.edu or Justin Lang, at (919) 513-1963 or jdlang2@ncsu.edu.

Confidential review of applications will begin in February 2022, and will continue until the position is filled. Candidates should provide a resume or curriculum vitae, cover letter, and the names and contact information of three (3) references. References will not be contacted without prior knowledge and approval of candidates. These materials may be submitted online at <https://jobs.ncsu.edu/> (position #00001539).



About NC State

At NC State, we create prosperity for North Carolina and the nation. We value diversity, equity, inclusion and justice. We began as a land-grant institution grounded in agriculture and engineering. Today, we're a pre-eminent research enterprise that excels across disciplines.

NC State is a powerhouse in science, technology, engineering and math. We lead in agriculture, education, textiles, business and natural resources management. We're at the forefront of teaching and research in design, the humanities and the social sciences. And we're home to one of the world's best colleges of veterinary medicine.

Our more than 36,000 undergraduate and graduate students learn by doing. They pursue original research and start new companies. They forge connections with top employers and serve communities local and global. Through it all, they enjoy an outstanding return on investment.

Whether it's [Princeton Review](#) ranking NC State among the nation's best values for universities, Money magazine naming it the No. 1 best college for your money in North Carolina, or [U.S. News & World Report](#) ranking NC State among the top 10 best values in public higher education, the university has many reasons to be proud.

Each year, NC State adds [\\$6.5 billion to the statewide economy](#), equivalent to creating more than 90,000 new jobs. That represents a significant return on investment for the citizens of North Carolina in the form of research advances, innovative technologies, successful companies, skilled graduates and new jobs waiting for them.

Our 9,600 faculty and staff are world leaders in their fields, bridging the divides between academic disciplines and training high-caliber students to meet tomorrow's challenges. Together, they forge [powerful partnerships](#) with government, industry, nonprofits and academia to remake our world for the better. We expect everyone to give of their talents, skills, time and effort to make NC State an environment of inclusive excellence for all.

About Raleigh and North Carolina

North Carolina's rapid growth makes the state a diversity leader and top spot for young professionals and families. Raleigh reflects statewide growth as a city on the rise:

- No. 2 among the best places to live in the U.S. ([U.S News & World Report](#)), 2021)
- No. 5 among the best-performing economies in the U.S. ([Milken Institute](#)), 2021
- One of America's top 10 recession-resistant cities ([Smartasset](#)), 2020)
- Among the top 10 "Best Cities to Move to Right Now" ([Curbed](#)), 2020)

With Durham and Chapel Hill, the capital city anchors the Research Triangle, a national hotspot for high-tech enterprise. The region's top companies — including IBM, Cisco Systems, SAS Institute, Biogen Idec and GlaxoSmithKline — rank among the country's best employers. NC State also maintains strong agricultural partnerships with Bayer, BASF and Syngenta, companies that lead the way in hiring new NC State graduates.

Celebrating its 134th year in 2021, NC State continues to make its founding purpose a reality. Every day our career-ready graduates and world-leading faculty make the fruits of learning, discovery and engagement available to people across the state, throughout the nation and around the world.

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NC State provides equal opportunity and affirmative action efforts, and the university prohibits all forms of unlawful discrimination, harassment and retaliation that are based upon a person's race, color, religion, sex (including pregnancy), national origin, age (40 or older), disability, gender identity, genetic information, sexual orientation or veteran status.