Office of Global Engagement

The Office of Global Engagement is NC State’s gateway to the world, overseeing global research, education and partnership efforts that tackle the grand challenges of our interconnected society. In alignment with the Wolfpack 2030: Powering the Extraordinary, NC State’s strategic plan, and through the framework of Global Learning for All, the office provides university-level leadership, innovation and coordination to equip students, faculty, staff and the communities that NC State serves with the knowledge, cultural understanding, skills and hands-on experience to compete and collaborate in the global economy.

The Office of Global Engagement has nearly 60 employees, a $12 million annual budget and consists of six units: Study Abroad, Office of International Services, Global Training Initiative, Intensive English Program, NC Japan Center and the NC State European Center in Prague.

The Study Abroad office gives NC State students of every background the chance to expand their horizons by studying around the globe. The unit partners with academic units to support programs that develop discipline-specific global competencies and works hard to ensure a high standard of safety and accessibility for all study abroad programs. Over 1,600 students study abroad annually, leading to more than 20% of NC State undergraduates studying abroad before they graduate.

The Office of International Services offers comprehensive immigration support and cultural programming for international students, scholars, faculty and staff. It provides effective educational programs, advises NC State’s 3,900 international students, coordinates immigration processing and compliance efforts, and offers research and employment support, cross-cultural experiences and community extension activities.

The Global Training Initiative provides short-term programming and support for NC State’s students, faculty and staff — and custom training solutions for international partners and working professionals. In the 2021-22 academic year, the unit served more than 2,700 students from NC State and global partner institutions and more than 1,100 domestic and international professionals.
The Intensive English Program provides high-quality English language instruction to non-native speakers seeking academic preparation, professional development and/or personal enrichment. In this full-time, non-credit program participants gain a strong foundation in academic, cultural and technological skills that prepare them for life inside and outside of the American classroom.

The NC Japan Center is a statewide resource that cooperates with North Carolina and local economic development agencies and business organizations with Japanese interests. The center also fosters academic collaboration on Japan-related studies and offers numerous cultural events, workshops, and a full range of non-credit Japanese language and culture courses.

The NC State European Center in Prague is the university's only permanent international facility, welcoming both students and faculty year-round, and serving as a gateway to Europe for developing international networks and experiences. In addition to traditional study abroad programs, the center has unique offerings including Prague Connect, a fall program for incoming first-year students admitted the following spring, and the interdisciplinary Global Leadership minor program.

In addition to the work of its six units, the Office of Global Engagement oversees all of NC State’s internationalization efforts, from formalizing strategic partnerships with universities abroad to hosting international hubs and consortia here in Raleigh. The office manages NC State’s founding membership in the University Global Partnership Network, which was created to promote multilateral collaboration in education, research and engagement between its member institutions.
The Opportunity

NC State invites applications and nominations for the position of vice provost for Global Engagement. The university seeks a visionary leader with international experience who is a creative and innovative thinker committed to moving the Office of Global Engagement forward in alignment with NC State’s strategic plan. They should accomplish this by integrating and promoting a global perspective in teaching, mentoring, research, extension and engagement, and by dedication strengthening NC State’s international presence in an ever-changing global society.

The Position

The vice provost for Global Engagement is the university’s senior international officer, who collaborates with college deans and their international coordinators in the globalization of the university. Additionally, the vice provost will provide strong leadership, strategic direction and fiscal oversight for the units within the Office of Global Engagement.

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

- Guiding the unit to support successful implementation and management of the university’s international programs;
- Collaborating with university partners to enhance opportunities for students, faculty and staff to have meaningful global experiences on campus and abroad;
- Leveraging and supporting faculty-led international scholarship;
- Promoting a culturally responsive environment, with a strong commitment to recruiting and retaining staff and a focus on bringing the benefits of culture to all dimensions of the university;
- Providing leadership and administration of units, centers and programs encompassed by the Office of Global Engagement;
- Leading in the innovation of university wide international programs in cooperation with college deans, interdisciplinary programs and leaders of other academic units; promoting and establishing new university partnerships and international initiatives as well as maintaining existing partnerships;
● Overseeing the hosting of visiting international dignitaries, managing exchange agreements, and facilitating internal and external media coverage of the university’s international activities and involvement;
● Efficiently managing the financial resources of the unit and effectively advocating for resources including universitywide coordination for support services for international students and visiting scholars, study abroad programs, faculty engagement with international partners and special training programs;
● Overseeing fundraising activities for the unit; and
● Cultivating a collaborative environment that supports activities across disciplines, colleges and programs.

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;
● International experience in administration, scholarly teaching, research and collaboration;
● Demonstrated record of innovative and visionary leadership responding to the changing global environment and the challenges faced by a major public research university;
● A proven record of success in setting priorities, allocating resources and achieving specific goals;
● Outstanding communication skills, including intercultural, interpersonal, written, verbal, presentation and listening capabilities;
● Ability to function in a complex, high-demand environment, balancing and executing internal and external responsibilities;
● Evidence of work that leverages the benefits of a variety of global and cultural perspectives in improving scholarship, education or engagement;
● Living, work or study experience outside of the United States preferred;
● A required minimum of ten years experience in higher education; and
● Preference will be given to candidates with a doctoral or terminal degree in their field and who are eligible for appointment as a tenured professor.
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 preeminent 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 37,000 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 9,000 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. 4 among the best places to live in the U.S. (Money, 2022)
- One of America’s top 15 best-run cities (WalletHub, 2022)
- No. 5 among the best-performing economies in the U.S. (Milken Institute, 2021)

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 136th year in 2023, 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.
How to Apply

Buffkin/Baker is assisting NC State on this search. Inquiries and nominations may be directed to Martin Baker, managing partner, at (770) 313-5573 or you can send an email to ncsuvpge@buffkinbaker.com

Confidential review of applications will begin in mid to late April 2023, 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 references. References will not be contacted without prior knowledge and approval of candidates. These materials may be submitted online at https://jobs.ncsu.edu/postings/180964

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.