



## **The University of New Mexico**

### **Search for the Dean, College of Education**

#### **Albuquerque, NM**

The University of New Mexico (UNM), the state's flagship institution, seeks a creative and strategic academic leader to serve as the next Dean of the College of Education (COE). The Dean will be joining UNM at an exciting and pivotal time as President Garnett S. Stokes, Provost James Paul Holloway, and a team of new and established leaders are focused on a set of ambitious goals for UNM that sets it on a course for even greater achievement and impact. It is also a pivotal time for education in New Mexico, and the state will be looking to UNM as the flagship institution and to this Dean to find solutions and pave a sustainable pathway for the future. The Dean will have the opportunity to work closely with the COE community in catalyzing a strategy for the College that honors its strengths and history, unifies across education and human science disciplines, and encourages innovative thinking and community building founded on a highly diverse student body, faculty, and staff within a culturally rich and amazingly diverse state while addressing the pressing educational needs of New Mexico.

UNM provides an education to nearly 30,000 students, more than 80 percent of whom are New Mexico residents, and plays a critical role in educating New Mexico's residents and driving its economy through research excellence and education in a variety of disciplines. The University has a vibrant health sciences enterprise, branch campuses in Gallup, Los Alamos, Taos, and Valencia, technology incubators, and multiple education centers throughout the state. UNM is a place where cutting-edge research and creative endeavors flourish. Its research generates new knowledge, injects millions of dollars into New Mexico's economy, funds advances in healthcare and augments teaching, and provides students with intellectual challenges as well as valuable hands-on training in state-of-the-art laboratories, libraries, and studios. About 58% of UNM alumni remain in the state and provide valuable contributions to the State's intellectual life, economy, cultural community, educational systems, healthcare industry, and every aspect of life in New Mexico.

Working with the passionate and dedicated faculty, staff, and students in the COE, the new Dean will have a tremendous opportunity to have an impact on New Mexico and beyond due to a renewed commitment by the university and the state to fund new initiatives in support of public education. In July 2018, a judge ruled in the [\*Yazzie/Martinez v. State of New Mexico\*](#) lawsuit that all New Mexico students have a right to be college and career ready and that the state is failing to

meet this obligation, particularly as it applies to low-income students, Native American students, English language learners, and students with disabilities. As the flagship university and the only R1 institution in the state, the COE is distinctly positioned and ethically responsible to lead the charge in addressing this statewide challenge and ensuring that all New Mexicans have the opportunity to learn and to continue their educational pursuits. Luckily, the Dean will have the support of a passionate governor, Board of Regents, and senior leadership at UNM to assist in these efforts. By providing sustainable and authentic leadership, the Dean will need to leverage the many assets of the COE, relationships with state government, and partnerships across the state to help address the many educational, economic, and community needs of New Mexico. In doing so, the Dean will address the following key opportunities and challenges:

- Unify the College around a cohesive vision and identity that bridges diverse disciplines and fosters a robust collaborative community;
- Join forces with other educational institutions to advance innovative solutions to address New Mexico's educational interests;
- Position the College as a meaningful leader and partner for the State in matters pertaining to education and human sciences;
- Recruit, retain, and develop talented faculty and staff;
- Advance a compelling vision and create a supportive learning environment that attracts dynamic students to the fields of education and human sciences;
- Develop new funding streams and use resources wisely and strategically to have an even larger impact on New Mexico.

UNM has retained Isaacson, Miller, a national executive search firm, to assist in this search. For more details, including the full position profile with a list of minimum and preferred qualifications, and to submit inquiries, nominations, and referrals, please see the Isaacson, Miller website for the search: [www.imsearch.com/7237](http://www.imsearch.com/7237).

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