

## DEAN, COLLEGE OF SCIENCES & MATHEMATICS

Auburn University invites nominations and applications for the position of Dean, College of Sciences & Mathematics. The dean serves as the chief academic and administrative officer for the college and provides vision and leadership that enhances the college's tradition of excellence in teaching, research, service, outreach and diversity. The dean reports directly to the provost and senior vice president for Academic Affairs and will be located in Auburn, Alabama

Auburn University is one of the nation's premier public land-grant institutions and in 2019, it was ranked 44th among public universities by U.S. News and World Report. Auburn maintains high levels of research activity and high standards for teaching excellence, offering bachelor's, master's, educational specialist, and doctor's degrees in agriculture and engineering, the professions, and the arts and sciences. Its 2020 enrollment of 30,737 students includes 24,505 undergraduates and 6,263 graduate and professional students. Organized into 12 academic colleges and schools, Auburn's 1,426 faculty members offer more than 200 educational programs. The university is nationally recognized for its commitment to academic excellence, its positive work environment, its student engagement and its beautiful campus.

Auburn residents enjoy a thriving community, recognized as one of the "best small towns in America," with a moderate climate and easy access to major cities or to beach and mountain recreational facilities. Situated along the rapidly developing I-85 corridor between Atlanta, Georgia, and Montgomery, Alabama, the combined Auburn-Opelika, Alabama-Columbus, Georgia statistical area has a population of over 500,000, with excellent public school systems, outstanding recreation areas and an exceptional regional medical center.

The College of Sciences & Mathematics offers degrees in five departments including Biological Sciences, Chemistry & Biochemistry, Geosciences, Mathematics & Statistics and Physics. The College of Sciences & Mathematics has a 2020 enrollment of 2,700 students, including 2,300 undergraduate and 400 graduate students and 160 faculty teaching in Departmental curricula leading to the bachelor's degree including actuarial sciences, biomedical sciences, biochemistry, chemistry, clinical laboratory and medical sciences, geography, geology, microbiology, molecular biology, marine biology, mathematics, applied mathematics, organismal biology, and physics. The college houses Research Clusters in Biophysics and Discipline Based Education Research and has approximately \$18 million in research including multiple NSF CAREER Awards each of the last several years.

The dean will be responsible for leading the college in pursuit of the college and university's shared values including scholarship, instruction, outreach and diversity. This individual will represent all departments, schools within the college by advancing all programs, including education, and other programs inside and outside of the university. The dean must support and advocate for all students, faculty and staff while ensuring that all constituents both enhance and improve their knowledge to better serve the college and university. For more information on the position, [click here](#).

Candidates must possess an earned doctorate, or commensurate credential, and academic and/or professional accomplishments that are sufficient to merit appointment with tenure at the rank of professor. The successful candidate will possess a demonstrated capacity to lead a growing organization, to build consensus among various stakeholders, to foster increased research and scholarship, to promote student advancement, to enhance external corporate and alumni relations, to assertively fundraise and to effectively represent the college to outside constituencies. Experience in administration, fiscal management, faculty/staff development and fundraising are highly desired. Knowledge of state and national accreditation standards is required. Other qualifications include the ability to lead through collaborative and shared decision making, and an innate effectiveness in sustaining, and a strong and collegial relationship with faculty staff, students and administrators. A successful track record in budget development and strategic planning and an effective ability to balance advocacy for the college with the needs of the university community is essential to success in this position. The candidate selected for this position must meet eligibility requirements to work in the United States at the time the appointment is scheduled to begin and continue working legally for the proposed term of employment.

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Salary and benefits will commensurate with education and experience.

While applications and nominations will be accepted until the position is filled, interested parties are encouraged to submit their Curriculum Vitae and letter of interest to the address below by January 15, 2021 to receive optimum consideration.

Electronic submissions of all nominations and applications are encouraged. Those with interest in this position should submit a curriculum vitae and a letter of application indicating experience as it relates to the position to:

**Search Committee – Dean, College of Sciences & Mathematics**  
**Attention: Director, Breckenridge Partners**  
Email: [mek@breckenridgepartners.com](mailto:mek@breckenridgepartners.com)

Initial review of candidates will begin in early January and will continue until a qualified candidate is appointed.

*Auburn University is an EEO/Vet/Disability Employer and committed to building an inclusive and diverse community.*