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UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND
Position Description

TITLE: Vice President for Research and Economic Development
DIVISION: Research and Economic Development
REPORTS TO: President
GRADE: (Not Applicable)
SUPERVISES: Professional, administrative and support staff

BASIC FUNCTION:

Lead the executive office of the Division of Research and Economic Development at the University of Rhode Island, which includes serving as the chief research officer of the University, serving as a member of the President's leadership team, and chairing the Board of the Research Foundation. Work closely with the Provost and other senior members of the President's team to insure the integration of research, scholarship and creative work with other components of the University's academic mission. Provide vision and strategic planning necessary to develop and enhance the quality and visibility of the University's research and scholarly programs. This includes identifying and pursuing opportunities for the University in these areas, as well as creating an atmosphere supportive of the research, scholarly/creative and outreach activities of faculty and staff. The Vice President reports to the President.

ESSENTIAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

Reporting directly to the President, the Vice President is responsible for the University's research programs, chairs the Board for the Research Foundation, and conducts other activities as assigned by the President.

By virtue of the office, the Vice President for Research and Economic Development (VPR) shall serve as the chairperson of the Research Foundation and will have responsibility for managing intellectual property, overseeing technology transfer, and promoting economic development. In addition, the VPR is responsible for compliance with respect to animal and human subject research, biohazardous materials, and conflict of interest management in accordance with the RI Public-Private Partnership Act. In this capacity, it is the role of the VPR to insure that the University of Rhode Island appropriately complies with all laws, regulations, and policies associated with the conduct of sponsored research and creative work.

Serve as chief research officer of the University and be responsible for facilitating ongoing academic research, expanding research funding opportunities, developing relationships with government agencies and the private sector, strengthening research infrastructure, and nurturing research ideas and initiatives.

Assist faculty in the preparation and submission of research proposals, review proposals for conformity to University and funding agency policies and procedures, and on behalf of the University, sign applications for research grants and contracts for federal, state, local, or private agencies.

Promote diversity in the University's research and outreach enterprises, and provide a compelling voice for the University's research and technology transfer activities to both internal and external constituencies.

OTHER DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

Perform other duties as assigned.

LICENSES, TOOLS AND EQUIPMENT:

Personal computers, printers, and word processing, database management, spreadsheet software and web-based applications.

ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS:

This position is not substantially exposed to adverse environmental conditions.

QUALIFICATIONS:

REQUIRED: Earned doctorate; Demonstrated distinguished record of scholarship and funded research appropriate for appointment as a tenured full professor in an academic department of the university; Demonstrated clear research vision and an understanding of the missions of a major land grant and sea grant research institution; Demonstrated successful administrative and fiscal management experience at a university or comparable institution; Demonstrated leadership skills; Demonstrated strong interpersonal and verbal communication skills; Demonstrated proficiency in written communication skills; Demonstrated supervisory experience; Demonstrated organizational skills; Demonstrated familiarity with university technology transfer and federal regulations governing campus research activities; and Demonstrated ability to work with diverse groups/populations.

ALL REQUIREMENTS ARE SUBJECT TO POSSIBLE MODIFICATION TO REASONABLY ACCOMMODATE INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES.