



University of Missouri

Vice Chancellor for Research and Economic Development University of Missouri- Columbia

The University of Missouri-Columbia (Mizzou or MU), the flagship, land-grant, comprehensive research university of the University of Missouri System (UM System), seeks a Vice Chancellor for Research and Economic Development. The successful candidate will lead the university's research enterprise, oversee pre- and post-award administration and compliance, and support the innovation of faculty, staff, student and post-doctoral researchers. Reporting to the President and Chancellor as well as the Provost, the Vice Chancellor for Research and Economic Development works collaboratively with campus leaders, faculty, and staff in furtherance of the university's land grant missions in education, research, extension and outreach, as well as economic development.

Founded in 1839, MU is a research one (R1) university and one of only 34 public institutions in the prestigious Association of American Universities (AAU). The state's largest university, Mizzou offers more than 300 degrees and certificates to nearly 31,000 students, including nearly 6,000 graduate students and almost 1,200 professional students, and employs more than 13,000 people including more than 2,000 faculty.

MU is [one of only a handful of universities in the country with schools or colleges](#) of medicine, veterinary medicine, nursing, health professions, agriculture, engineering, education, law, arts and science and the nation's most powerful nuclear research reactor — all on one campus. Combined with the strength of [MU Health Care](#), a statewide health care network serving rural, urban and suburban areas, and four National-Institutes-of-Health-funded animal resource centers, MU investigators have unparalleled access to clinical research populations and an unmatched capacity to effectively transfer research findings into clinical therapies. As a truly comprehensive and land-grant institution, Mizzou also maintains the state's Extension and Engagement Program, providing access to the university's resources and expertise in all 114 Missouri counties.

MU is in the midst of a successful push to elevate research expenditures and enhance economic development from discoveries and innovation. Expenditures have grown from \$193M in FY15 to \$235M in FY20 and awards have grown more than \$48M during that same time. A robust infrastructure of [core facilities](#) and [research centers](#) exist, offering scholars shared resources to elevate their innovative and creative works. In the past 5 years, 16 Mizzou startup companies were created with MU licensed technologies and companies signed 200 license and option agreements, producing \$33M in revenue for MU while generating profound impacts on local and state economies. The UM System's number one capital priority is a research-intensive collaboration, the [NextGen Precision Health Institute](#), that is focused on developing the breakthrough research needed to facilitate essential advances in global health.

[The City of Columbia](#), home of the University of Missouri, has been consistently rated as one of the most desirable places to live and work in the United States. This college city of 113,000+ residents has the best of both worlds – small-town convenience and warmth with urban sophistication and amenities. Located halfway between St. Louis and Kansas City, the city boasts affordable housing, moderate cost of living, diverse cultural and economic opportunities, and excellent public schools.

Candidates for the position must be eligible for appointment at the rank of tenured professor; have commensurate administrative and leadership experience; have a record and demonstrated commitment to diversity, equity and inclusion; have excellent communication skills; and have a demonstrated ability to interact successfully with internal and external constituencies. Preferred qualifications include a documented record of extramurally-funded research; strong scholarly research accomplishments; experience in leading trans-disciplinary and/or trans-institutional projects or programs; experience fostering an inclusive and diverse environment that supports researchers of all disciplines, including humanities and social sciences; and knowledge or experience in technology transfer and entrepreneurial activities.

The successful candidate is expected to begin in the position on or about January 2021. Review of applications will begin immediately and will continue until the position is filled. For full consideration, applicant material should be received by September 30, 2020 and will continue until the position is filled.

Candidates should include a cover letter outlining leadership qualifications, teaching and research experience, as well as a detailed curriculum vitae. Later in the search process, statements of plans for growing the research enterprise at Mizzou, experience and plans in community outreach, along with names and contact information of professional references may be requested. Candidates will be notified before references are contacted.

Partnering in the search is Tim McIntosh, Director of Recruitment for the University of Missouri System. Inquiries can be sent to umhrexecutivesearch@umsystem.edu.

More information can be found on the [University's search webpage](#).

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