

The [University of Colorado Denver](#) (CU Denver) seeks a visionary, dynamic, and nimble associate vice chancellor for research, serving as the chief research officer for the campus and elevating CU Denver's research activities across a diverse array of programs, ideas, and people.

This role offers an ambitious and highly collaborative individual the transformative opportunity to create a research strategy and associated research plan rooted in CU Denver's [2030 strategic plan](#) and focused on leveraging the unique consolidated administrative model that exists between CU Denver and the CU Anschutz Medical Campus. The consolidation of stellar [research administration services](#) across the two campuses affords the new associate vice chancellor the opportunity to focus on an innovative research strategy and new opportunities for advancing creative inquiry that will create a discovery-driven environment at CU Denver.

The associate vice chancellor will join the University at a time of great momentum and change as CU Denver is laser focused on reaching its fullest potential as a public urban research university by 2030. Part of the University of Colorado System, CU Denver is home to more than 15,000 students (10,600 undergraduate and 4,505 graduate) and 1,200 faculty members across eight schools and colleges and offers 110 degree programs both in-person and online. Over 60% of the fall 2020 entering class were students of color and first generation and the campus is on track to receive formal Hispanic Serving Institution (HSI) and Asian American and Native American Pacific Islander Serving Institution (AANAPISI) classifications in summer 2021.

[Chancellor Michelle Marks](#) joined the CU Denver community on July 1, 2020 and immediately engaged University stakeholders in a [100 Days of Listening](#) tour and established an [Equity Task Force](#) charged with addressing priority action items centered on [diversity, equity, and inclusion](#). Utilizing the momentum from these conversations, CU Denver launched a university-wide strategic planning process in January 2021 and released a [series of Vision Team reports](#) including [Better the World through Research and Creative Work](#). Completed in June 2021, the CU Denver strategic plan provides a vision and strategy that differentiates CU Denver and ensures it is achieving its greatest level of impact around big ideas, innovative solutions, and equitable access to high-quality education within a diverse workforce context.

Simultaneously, Chancellor Marks has been strategically shaping and positioning the University's senior leadership for optimal success in light of CU Denver's new strategic priorities. This role is a timely opportunity for an institutionally ambitious leader to join a new chancellor, a new provost, and a mission-driven and dedicated community that is elevating the impact and reach of CU Denver. The identification and expansion of interdisciplinary and campus-wide research and creative inquiry foci around topics that are of particular relevance to CU Denver such as urbanism, public health, data analytics, the creative industries, and engineering and will be a critical element of CU Denver's future. Reporting to the new [CU Denver provost](#) and with a secondary reporting relationship to the [vice chancellor for research](#) at the CU Denver and CU Anschutz Medical Campus, the associate vice chancellor for research will have the unique vantage point of being at the nexus of leadership conversations across both the CU Denver and CU Anschutz campuses. The associate vice chancellor will provide an important voice for research and creative activities at CU Denver as a member of the chancellor's cabinet, the vice chancellor for research's senior staff, and the provost's senior staff.

The associate vice chancellor will understand the transformative role that research can play in the lives of students and the Denver community, opening up the University intellectually and inspiring the faculty and students to engage in creating a productive research environment. The work of the associate vice chancellor will be supported by an already strong research service infrastructure managed by the vice chancellor for research, allowing the associate vice chancellor to focus their energies on new strategies and investments for research and creative inquiry grounded in collaborative, interdisciplinary, and transparent relationships with campus entities. The associate vice chancellor will simultaneously engage the greater Denver and Colorado communities to promote opportunities for faculty and students as well as coordinate with government agencies, foundations, and other partners to proactively identify and promote public, non-profit, and private funding opportunities with keen attention to forthcoming federal and state stimulus and other funding opportunities. Finally, in conjunction with university leadership, the associate vice chancellor will play a leading role in exploring the viability of a future hub for innovation, research, and creative inquiry that crosscuts CU Denver's entrepreneurial and research programs with new and existing community partners.

The incumbent will have a record of facilitating and supporting research, scholarship, and creative works — funded by the public, non-profit, and private sectors — consistent with the expectations of a research-intensive university engaged in significant graduate and undergraduate education. Additionally, the associate vice chancellor will have experience in securing funding for and managing sponsored research programs and projects and preferably knowledge of or direct experience in developing and supporting research endeavors through intellectual property creation, technology transfer, entrepreneurship, and related activities. The CU Denver associate vice chancellor for research will possess a superb ability to collaborate and bring investigators together to conceptualize and develop large-scale, multidisciplinary research initiatives and translate them into compelling funding opportunities; experience building cohesive, high-performing teams; and exceptional interpersonal and relationship-building skills with multiple and diverse constituencies, all of which lend to the pursuit of program, project and center grants.

A detailed leadership profile is available at www.wittkiever.com.

All applications, nominations and inquiries are invited. Applications should include, as separate documents, a letter of interest addressing the themes in this profile and a CV or resume. WittKiever is assisting CU Denver in this search. For fullest consideration, candidate materials should be received by August 23, 2021.

Application materials should be submitted using WittKiever's [Candidate Portal](https://candidateportal.wittkiever.com/description?jobID=22297) (<https://candidateportal.wittkiever.com/description?jobID=22297>). Nominations and inquiries can be directed to: Jen Meyers Pickard, Ph.D., Robin Mamlet and Julia Bradley at CUDenverResearch@wittkiever.com.

Compensation and Benefit Information

Compensation range: \$180,000 - \$210,000

Benefits: The University of Colorado offers a full benefits package. Information on university benefits programs, including eligibility, is available at www.cu.edu/employee-services.

The University of Colorado Denver | Anschutz Medical Campus is committed to recruiting and supporting a diverse student body, faculty and administrative staff. The university strives to promote a culture of inclusiveness, respect, communication and understanding. We encourage applications from women, ethnic minorities, persons with disabilities and all veterans. The University of Colorado is committed to diversity and equality in education and employment.