



# University of New Hampshire

## Dean of the College of Engineering and Physical Sciences

### Position Description



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## The Position

The University of New Hampshire, the state's land-, sea-, and space-grant institution and its only public R1-designated research university, seeks a dynamic leader and creative educator to serve as the Dean of the College of Engineering and Physical Sciences (CEPS). The Dean is the chief executive and academic officer of the College, and s/he will provide strategic leadership and vision in collaboration with faculty, staff, students, and other key internal and external stakeholders.



## Duties and Responsibilities

The new dean will:

- › Empower the faculty to achieve academic and research excellence in engineering and the physical sciences;
- › Actively support the College's tradition of student-focused teaching and learning, which engages undergraduates at an intimate level throughout their time at UNH CEPS. This tradition is exemplified in programs such as the Undergraduate Research Conference, one of the largest and most diverse undergraduate research conferences in the country and a hallmark of UNH CEPS;
- › Promote the advancement and growth of vibrant graduate programs in CEPS;
- › Work closely with the UNH Foundation on College campaign fundraising and efforts for the upcoming \$70M college campaign;
- › Operate an annual budget of \$62M with nearly \$40M in annual sponsored research expenditures under a responsibility centered management budgeting model; and
- › Administer CEPS' academic programs and align CEPS' program with UNH's Strategic Plan.



## Minimum Qualifications, Knowledge, Skills and Abilities

The Dean reports to the provost and vice president for academic affairs and sits on the University's leadership council together with the other deans and senior academic leaders of the University.



The ideal candidate:

- › Must be strongly committed to fulfilling the academic mission of CEPS and a strong advocate for CEPS within the college and University and outside the University;
- › Must possess the leadership skills and vision to develop programs that enhance the unique combination of disciplines within CEPS;
- › Must have an earned Ph.D. or Sc.D. in their field; and
- › Must have a strong record of academic achievement.

## About the College

CEPS is one of the University's seven colleges with 128 tenured and tenure-track faculty and numerous affiliated research and lecturer faculty who educate approximately 2,670 undergraduate and graduate students. CEPS is home to nine academic departments: Chemical Engineering, Chemistry, Civil and Environmental Engineering, Computer Science, Earth Sciences, Electrical and Computer



Engineering, Mathematics and Statistics, Mechanical Engineering and Physics. In addition, CEPS is affiliated with several on-campus interdisciplinary research centers including the Institute for the Study of Earth, Oceans and Space; Center for Coastal and Ocean Mapping; Center for Advanced Materials and Manufacturing Innovation; and UNH Center for Infrastructure Resilience to Climate. The new Dean will have opportunity to develop programs that exploit the unique combination of disciplines within CEPS.

## About the University

The University of New Hampshire is the state's public research university, providing comprehensive, high-quality undergraduate programs and graduate programs of distinction. The university is located in Durham on a 200-acre campus, 60 miles north of Boston, 8 miles from the Atlantic coast and is

convenient to New Hampshire's lakes and mountains. There is a student enrollment of 13,000 students, with a full-time faculty of over 600, offering 90 undergraduate and more than 70 graduate programs.



Its primary purpose is learning: students collaborating with faculty in teaching, research, creative expression and service. UNH has a national and international agenda and

holds land-grant, sea-grant and space-grant charters. From its main campus in Durham, its college in Manchester and the UNH School of Law in Concord, the university serves New Hampshire and the region through continuing education, cooperative extension, cultural outreach, economic development activities and applied research.

UNH is distinguished by its commitment to high quality undergraduate instruction, select excellence in graduate education, relatively small size, a location in a beautiful and culturally rich part of the seacoast of New England and a strong sense of responsibility for this special place, a commitment to serving the public good, and our emergence over the past decade as a significant research institution. The dedication of our faculty to the highest academic standards infuses all we do with the excitement of discovery.

## Strategic Plan

In January 2019, President James W. Dean Jr. announced four strategic priorities that will guide the university's success, and help UNH achieve a bold, overarching aspiration –



to be among the top 25 public universities in the country in the most important measures of academic performance.

- > *Enhance Student Success and Well-Being*
- > *Expand Academic Excellence*
- > *Embrace New Hampshire*
- > *Build Financial Strength*

For full details on the university's strategic plan, please visit:

<https://www.unh.edu/main/future-of-unh>.

## Accreditation

The University of New Hampshire is accredited by the New England Commission of Higher Education. There are 9 academic programs within CEPS that are ABET-accredited.

## About Durham, New Hampshire

Durham, N.H., a classic New England college town, is home to our main residential campus. We have one of the safest and greenest campuses in the country, surrounded by incredible scenery. Experience the beauty of all four seasons while walking to class, downtown, or through the trails of the 250-acre College Woods. On weekends, you can hop a bus to the



bustling artistic community of Portsmouth or the Atlantic coast, carpool with friends to the iconic White Mountains, or take the train (the station's right on campus) to Boston.

For more information on Durham, please visit: <https://www.ci.durham.nh.us/>

## Nomination & Application Process

### Salary

The salary is competitive and commensurate with qualifications and experience.

### How to Apply

Greenwood/Asher & Associates Inc. is assisting UNH in this search. Inquiries, nominations and application materials should be directed to Lauren McCaghren at [laurenmccaghren@greenwoodsearch.com](mailto:laurenmccaghren@greenwoodsearch.com). Submission of application materials as PDF attachments is strongly encouraged. Initial screening of applications will begin immediately, and applications and nominations will be accepted until an appointment is made.

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