

Simmons University seeks a visionary, collaborative, and student-centered leader with a demonstrated commitment to diversity and inclusion to serve as the inaugural Senior Vice President for Student Engagement.

Reporting to President Helen Drinan and leading a newly unified division, the Senior Vice President for Student Engagement will assume an important and highly influential position at Simmons with an opportunity to contribute significantly to the future of a dynamic University. The Senior Vice President for Student Engagement will lead all enrollment and student life activities, furthering the University's ability to recruit, select, enroll, support, retain, and launch a highly qualified and diverse student population. While tending to the needs of all students — undergraduate, graduate, and online — the Senior Vice President for Student Engagement will be empowered to stretch the University to imagine, design, and implement a seamless, positive, and best-in-class student experience.

The successful candidate will enhance the systems and structures to aid in enrollment planning and decision making at all levels and will lead an ongoing institution-wide conversation about the design of a preeminent student development program. The new Senior Vice President for Student Engagement will possess a demonstrated commitment to diversity in all its forms and will advance the University's diversity and inclusion agenda through successful student enrollment, retention, engagement, and support strategies. Leadership, communication, and inclusiveness skills are essential, as is the ability to build bridges and work in partnership with a wide variety of people and offices. The Senior Vice President will also possess analytic and technology depth; a proven capacity for embedding enrollment and student life priorities within institutional values and aspirations; and the ability to keep student welfare always at the forefront by anticipating and responding to matters that influence retention and the student experience.

The Senior Vice President for Student Engagement will join Simmons during a significant period of transformation and progress. Located in Boston, one of America's most dynamic cities, Simmons draws on many of the region's cultural, historical, economic, scientific, and educational resources to offer an unparalleled student experience. Simmons has a cherished history of visionary thinking and social responsibility and a strong mission that has remained constant for over a century: to provide transformative learning that links passion with lifelong purpose. Simmons offers undergraduate programs for women in education in the arts, sciences, and several professional fields and graduate programs online and on the ground open to all at the master's and doctoral levels. Given the richness and complexity of its offerings, Simmons obtained university designation and officially became Simmons University effective September 1, 2018.

Additional information about Simmons University is available at [www.simmons.edu](http://www.simmons.edu).

Inquiries, nominations, and applications are invited. Review of applications will begin immediately and will continue until the position is filled. Candidates should provide, as two separate documents, a résumé and a letter of application that addresses the responsibilities and requirements described in the Leadership Statement, [available here](#). These materials should be sent via email to Simmons University's consultants Amy Crutchfield and Shelley Arakawa at [Simmons@wittkiewer.com](mailto:Simmons@wittkiewer.com). The consultants can also be reached through the desk of Paula Verace at [pverace@wittkiewer.com](mailto:pverace@wittkiewer.com).

*Simmons University values diversity and is committed to equal opportunity for all persons regardless of age, color, disability, ethnicity, marital status, national origin, race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, veteran status, or any other status protected by law.*