



UNIVERSITY OF  
SOUTH ALABAMA

## **Dean of the Graduate School & Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs**

The University of South Alabama (USA) invites applications for the position of Dean of the Graduate School & Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs.

### *Position*

The Dean of the Graduate School/Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs reports to the Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and serves as the executive officer of the Graduate School. As Graduate School Dean, the successful candidate will provide strong leadership and vision for overall growth and quality enhancement of the graduate programs at the University of South Alabama, and will increase the recruitment and retention of a diverse graduate student population. The Dean will administer the Graduate School's resources in a sustainable manner in support of the University's strategic goals, and contribute to the growth of Graduate School resources by facilitating development activities and externally supported research funding as appropriate.

The position of Dean of the Graduate School/Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs includes the following responsibilities: Development and execution of a graduate education strategic plan; leadership and support of funding for scholarly and creative activity for graduate students and faculty; leadership of the Graduate Council and Faculty Development Council; and representation of the University in state, regional and national organizations. In addition, the Dean of the Graduate School/Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs will work with the academic deans to enrich graduate program quality through student recruitment, program development, administration and expansion of graduate fellowships and assistantships, and will carry out other duties as assigned by the Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs.

### *Preferred Qualifications*

All applicants must have a doctorate and advanced academic rank from an accredited university. Applicants must possess previous successful and progressive administrative experience. Graduate education management experience is preferred. Applicants should demonstrate evidence of excellence in leadership, organizational and communication skills.

### *University and Region*

The University of South Alabama ([www.southalabama.edu](http://www.southalabama.edu)) is classified as a doctoral university: higher research activity. The University is a major center of high-quality undergraduate, graduate, medical and professional education located on the upper Gulf Coast, enrolling approximately 16,000 students. USA recently embarked on an ambitious strategic plan to focus on five institutional priorities: student success and access, enhancement of research and graduate education, global engagement, excellence in health care, and university-community and engagement. The University of South Alabama offers more than 30 graduate and professional degree programs across all ten colleges and schools of the University.

The University is located in Mobile, Alabama ([www.mobile.org](http://www.mobile.org)), recognized as a vibrant business, cultural, and recreational hub, located conveniently between the Florida Panhandle and New Orleans. Mobile is experiencing an economic surge across industry sectors, including aerospace, shipping and maritime interests, healthcare, distribution, and services. The University of South Alabama endeavors to play a critical role in this ongoing regional economic growth.

### *Application Process*

The Search Committee invites applications, inquiries, and nominations for this position. Applications should be accompanied by a letter of interest, curriculum vitae, and the names and contact details of at least five professional references. Applications and nominations will be accepted until the position is filled and review of applications will begin immediately. Interested candidates are encouraged to submit materials (electronic submissions preferred) prior to March 17, 2017 to the search firm assisting the University of South Alabama.

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