The Georgia Institute of Technology invites applications and nominations for the position of Vice President for Research Operations (VPRO). Reporting to the Executive Vice President for Research (EVPR), the VPRO is responsible for various aspects of research operations. This position is a faculty position appointed at 50 to 75 percent time.

Position Scope and Responsibilities

The VPRO is responsible for ensuring the effective and strategic administration of research. This includes responsibility for: research development; facilitate and support research; limited submissions process; internally funded research programs in coordination with the colleges and with a primary focus on interdisciplinary research efforts; research space and core facilities; and policy related to research administration and operations. Shared with the Vice President for Research (and Director of GTRC/GTARC), the VPRO will have “dotted line” responsibility for the Office of Sponsored Programs and the Office of Industry Engagement.

The Vice President advises the EVPR on matters related to research strategy and administration and collaborates with vice presidents/provosts, deans, members of the President’s cabinet, school chairs, and associate deans and associate chairs for research to ensure that all research programs meet the highest standard of excellence and are supported in pursuit of Georgia Tech’s strategic research goals.

Specific responsibilities of the VPRO include, but are not limited to:

1. Assist the EVPR and colleges with research strategy and operational support for research operations. Chair meetings of the Associate Deans for Research group.
2. Identify and address issues to improve the administration of research.
3. Collaborate with the VP for Research and Director of GTRC/GTARC on the management and administration of industry engagement and sponsored program funding and operations.
4. Oversight for Institute level seed grant programs and internal funding mechanisms to foster and further develop existing research collaborations and initiatives, across the Institute.
5. Establish and manage Institute guidance for research space, core facilities and shared equipment. Work closely with the colleges, schools, Capital Planning and Space Management, Facilities, and the Provost’s Office to address issues and leverage opportunities, especially related to the recruitment and retention of faculty.
6. Represent the Office of the EVPR, as appropriate, to various internal constituencies, as well as externally to agencies, institutions, and organizations.

Position Qualifications

Applications will be accepted from members of the academic and research faculty of Georgia Institute of Technology. Applicants should have a strong record of scholarship as well as evidence of success in administrative leadership roles. The ideal candidate will be familiar with issues in higher education in general and university research specifically; be an
intellectual leader among the faculty; a strong advocate for research, faculty and students; an energetic and conscientious administrator; and demonstrate a commitment to inclusion and diversity. Further, he/she will promote the Institute's Strategic Plan and work as an integral member of the EVPR's and Institute leadership team to further the Institute's vision, mission, and goals.

This position is a year-round faculty position appointed at 50 to 75 percent time (percent time of appointment, workload, and terms will be determined in consultation with the selected individual and their home department supervisor).

About the Office of the Executive Vice President for Research

The Georgia Institute of Technology is widely regarded as one of the top technological research universities in the world. The Executive Vice President for Research (EVPR) is the chief research officer for the Institute. Working closely with Georgia Tech's colleges, research units, and faculty, the EVPR provides central administration leadership for all research, economic development, and related support units within the Institute. This includes direct oversight of the Georgia Tech Research Institute (GTRI), the Enterprise Innovation Institute (EI2), the Interdisciplinary Research Institutes, and the Georgia Tech Research Corporation (GTRC).

The EVPR's Office is helping to enhance the Institute's reputation by amplifying the positive impact of Georgia Tech's research and economic development activities have on our state, nation, and the world. The Office is leading the development of a one-of-a-kind innovation ecosystem that brings together education, research, government, and industry in ways once considered impossible. With a new focus on creating transformative opportunities, strengthening collaborative partnerships, and maximizing societal impact, Georgia Tech is sparking a groundbreaking idea that drives real-world innovation.

Nominations and Applications

All nominations and applications should be directed in confidence to https://bit.ly/2u2jrxL.

Complete applications should include:

1) Cover letter that outlines the applicant’s approach to ensuring quality research through the management of research operations.
2) Full and current Curriculum Vitae
3) List of five references (may be internal or external) with contact information

While applications and nominations will be received until the Vice President is selected, interested parties are encouraged to submit their materials no later than April 17, 2019 to assure optimal consideration.

The Georgia Institute of Technology is an equal opportunity/affirmative action employer.