



VICE PRESIDENT, INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY & CIO

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The University of Nebraska seeks a leader with the vision and leadership qualities to articulate and implement a strategic view of IT that will identify the investments in technology, people, policy, and governance that the University requires to be a national leader. The qualified candidate will be a thought-leader with extensive higher education experience and demonstrated collaboration skills, with the ability to provide stakeholders with the IT services necessary to meet the institutional goals.

Reporting to the President, the Vice President will be exceptional in translating information system initiatives clearly in interactions with faculty, staff, and students. Working closely with both academic and administrative stakeholders, the VP for IT will assess the strengths, gaps, and needs for technology services on a university-wide level to drive continual improvements.

The consolidated ITS organization directly serves our Central Administration and the UNL, UNK, and UNO campuses. The VP and ITS organization also works closely with the ITS leaders and organization at UNMC/Nebraska Medicine on strategic initiatives and services such as the Canvas LMS, security, large-scale networking, and joint procurement opportunities.

This senior leadership position will manage a consolidated ITS department of over 300 professional staff members with an annual operating budget of over \$50 million. Eight staff members will report directly to the Vice President including the ITS leaders of the NeSIS and NeBIS ERP systems; the campus CIOs at UNK, UNL, and UNO; and the division heads for our consolidated service areas including Security, Client Services, Infrastructure, and Financial Management.

Specifically, the Vice President will:

- Work closely with members of the Executive Cabinet on strategic technology initiatives including the Executive Vice President and Provost, the Vice President for Business and Finance, and the Vice President and General Counsel.
- Work with the President, the Chancellors, the EVP, and additional executive leaders on the development of governance and advisory frameworks that bring focus and transparency to decisions about ITS operations and investments.
- Ensure that university systems and data are secure through working with the Chief Information Security Officer and the additional members of the ITS security organization.
- Provide technology partnership and support for strategic initiatives led by the Chief Data Officer.
- Continue to build a responsive and best-in-class customer service organization that achieves a high degree of customer satisfaction for our faculty, staff, and students across multiple campuses.

- In partnership with the research community, maintain and innovate robust research computing technologies and services.
- In collaboration with the Executive Vice President and Provost, campus Chief Academic Officers, and Associate Vice President for Digital Education, identify and implement technology to support pedagogical innovations.
- Work in partnership with the Vice President for Business & Finance and the campus Chief Business Officers to identify and support new efficiency and effectiveness initiatives in their areas.
- Facilitate change within a complex environment (internal and external) and effectively establish and lead towards a common vision and collaborative model.
- Develop and clearly articulate a strategic plan and roadmap outlining the University's IT priorities and related goals.
- Shape the development of a system-wide IT culture that identifies best practices, builds collaboration, and leads technology-related change effectively.
- Develop transparent financial models for the implementation and delivery of consistent IT services and support.
- Ensure the continuous delivery of IT services, including disaster recovery plans.
- Develop a sustainable plan to innovate, upgrade, and maintain critical infrastructure.
- Represent the university through active participation in the Higher Education IT leadership community including EDUCAUSE, Internet2, the Common Solutions Group, and other partnerships and associations.
- Partner with university leaders to further support Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion within the ITS organization.

ATTRIBUTES AND QUALIFICATIONS

The Vice President will have the interpersonal, communication, and organizational skills to navigate a complex academic enterprise. They will be able to mentor and further develop an ITS leadership team that will be effective in leading a large organization focused on the university's goals, objectives, and priorities.

The successful candidate will bring experience with and expertise in the range of established and emerging IT systems and services relevant to a top-tier university system that excels in the three missions of teaching, research, and outreach. They will be someone with exceptional communications and interpersonal skills who is highly skilled in building partnerships that support institutional priorities.

In addition to these essential attributes and qualifications, the successful candidate will possess ten or more years of experience in higher education information technology management, including experience in program and project planning, management, and budgeting.

A Bachelor's degree is required, and an advanced degree is preferred in information technology or relevant field including business or academic discipline in which technological fluency and expertise play a prominent role.

Apply for the position with an applicant profile and attach a resume and letter of application addressing the professional attributes of the position. Review of applications begins on April 1, 2019 and will continue until the position is filled. If you need assistance with your application, please call (402) 472-3701.

To apply and review a full position description: <http://careers.nebraska.edu/postings/804>

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The University of Nebraska strives to fully employ measures to achieve broad diversity in the University's student body and workforce as permitted by state and federal law. Board of Regents policy resolution: <https://www.nebraska.edu/administration/university-ofnebraska-online-worldwide/44-board-of-regents/policy-resolutions/237-diversity.html>