



## VICE PROVOST FOR INFORMATION SERVICES

Oregon State University seeks an outstanding leader with an entrepreneurial spirit to create and implement a strategic vision for information technologies that enable the University's missions in research, education and service to the public. The Vice Provost for Information Services (VPIS) provides vision, leadership, coordination and advocacy for the effective application of information technologies in the diverse, complex, and dynamic environment of a major research university. The VPIS leads strategy development, builds partnerships, and coordinates a holistic IT enterprise for the University, and is accountable for the overall success of the University's IT strategies, investments and implementation.

Oregon State University is a Carnegie Extensive Research University and Land, Sea, Space, and Sun Grant University. As such, the University deploys leading edge technologies in heterogeneous, distributed, and dynamic environment. OSU seeks to build a service-centric IT environment that is adaptable, dynamic, and responsive to the rapidly changing IT world.

The VPIS serves as Chair of the University's Information Technology Strategies Committee and is a member of the Provost's Council. The VPIS is expected to develop and lead a collaborative system for the use, deployment, and integration of IT at OSU. The VPIS will be charged with developing an IT strategic plan for the University; continuing to build the University's IT structure, including improvement of IT funding transparency; integration of the governance structure; lengthening the IT planning horizon; and improving accountability to IT users.

The VPIS also serves as head of the Division of Information Services (<http://oregonstate.edu/is/>), which provides the central component of an IT infrastructure enabling the OSU community's learning, teaching, research, outreach, and administration activities. Support is provided to classrooms, web services, computer labs, computing services, and network services (voice and data). The Division is also responsible for providing enterprise services to the four regional universities (Eastern Oregon University, Oregon Institute of Technology, Southern Oregon University, and Western Oregon University), as well as IT support for the Oregon University System Chancellor's Office.

The VPIS position requires vigorous collaboration with a wide range of constituents, including OSU faculty, staff, and students; academic and central administrations, and external constituencies. The VPIS reports to the Provost and Executive Vice President. This is a 1.0 FTE, 12-month, fixed-term position. Contract renewals are at the discretion of the Provost. The salary is commensurate with experience.

### **Key responsibilities/accountabilities include:**

- Lead the development of a University IT Strategic Plan and a supporting strategic plan for the Division of Information Services
- Lead the development of strategies for innovations of information technologies that enable learning, research, outreach, and administration
- Create, build and sustain a holistic IT enterprise for the University providing leadership for IT strategies and promoting collaboration between central and distributed components of IT at OSU
- Build the University's institutional IT structure, including integration of the matrix governance structure, improved IT funding transparency, and improved accountability to IT users
- Develop, implement and maintain a participative strategic planning process for coordinating and strengthening all academic and administrative information systems, including IT investments in cross-cutting programs and innovative technologies and their use and impact
- Accountable for streamlined set of IS responsibilities and budget, including:
  - Infrastructure services (e.g. telecommunications; management of core wired/wireless networks, campus firewall, network authentication, and directory services; basic file storage/backup and email services)
  - Administrative services (e.g. enterprise-level business systems; coordinated software licenses involving multiple users; security monitoring and emergency notifications system)
  - Instructional services (e.g. core course management system; enhanced classrooms)
  - IT support of OSU's off-campus operations, including OSU-Cascades Campus located in Bend, Oregon and the Hatfield Marine Science Center located in Newport, Oregon

- Provision of enterprise services to the four regional universities and IT support for the Chancellor's Office
- Represent OSU and OUS in external relationships involving IT, including interaction with OUS institutions, IT industry, and state and federal agencies.

**Required qualifications for the VPIS position include:**

- Master's degree [*Ph.D. preferred*]
- Experience with the deployment, use, and evaluation of information technologies and technology solutions
- Demonstrated familiarity with current IT issues and trends, and demonstrated ability to develop strategic solutions to IT needs defined by user communities
- Administrative ability within information services, including budget and financial management processes, public relations and communications, strategic planning, policy formation, personnel management and supervision, and ability to manage change
- Ability to articulate and align people around a vision for the direction of OSU information technology that is responsive to institutional change and moves OSU forward in its goal to be a top-10 land grant university
- Superior interpersonal and communication skills; ability to foster collaboration and trust, and to work collegially; ability to motivate others to high levels of performance
- Demonstrated commitment to advancing diversity and equity, with particular emphasis on gender and multicultural issues
- Demonstrated understanding of IT issues in an academic setting

**About Oregon State University**

Oregon State University has always been a place with a purpose – making a positive difference on quality of life and the natural world in Oregon and beyond. Through teaching, applied research, innovation and service, OSU turns ideals into reality with a unique approach characterized by collaboration and strategic focus.

Founded in 1868, OSU is one of only two American universities designated as a Land-, Sea-, Sun- and Space-Grant designations and is the only one in Oregon recognized for its “very high research activity” (RU/VH) by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching. OSU is Oregon’s largest public research university, conducting more than 60 percent of the research funded throughout the state’s university system and bringing in a record \$250 million in scientific grants and contracts this year.

OSU comprises 11 academic colleges organized into four divisions with strengths in earth systems sciences, health sciences, business, engineering, entrepreneurship and the arts and sciences. OSU has facilities and/or programs in every county in the state, including 12 regional experiment stations, 35 county extension offices, the OSU – Cascades Campus in Bend, the Hatfield Marine Sciences Center in Newport, along with a range of programs and facilities in Portland.

OSU is located in Corvallis, a community of 53,000 people situated in the Willamette Valley between Portland and Eugene. Ocean beaches, lakes, rivers, forests, high desert, the rugged Cascade and Coast Ranges, and the urban amenities of the Portland metropolitan area are all within a 100-mile drive of Corvallis. Approximately 18,000 undergraduate and 3,800 graduate students are enrolled at OSU, including 3,500 U.S. students of color and nearly 1,100 international students. Students come from all 50 states and nearly 100 countries worldwide.

OSU has an institution-wide commitment to diversity, multiculturalism and community. We actively engage in recruiting and retaining a diverse workforce and student body that include members of historically underrepresented groups. We strive to build and sustain a welcoming and supportive campus environment. OSU provides outstanding leadership opportunities for people interested in promoting and enhancing diversity, nurturing creativity and building community.

**Applications due by July 29, 2010**

Inquiries, nominations, and applications are confidential.

Applications must include a letter of interest, including a statement of philosophy for the Vice Provost's role and addressing the qualifications for this position; CV; and contact information for five current references, including each reference's name, title, address, telephone number, and electronic mail address. Materials should be submitted by **July 29, 2010** to receive full consideration. Please submit your materials at <http://oregonstate.edu/jobs/>

OSU has retained Storbeck/Pimentel & Associates, Inc. to assist in this search.



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The search committee is chaired by Dr Ilene Kleinsorge, Dean of the College of Business, [ilene@bus.oregonstate.edu](mailto:ilene@bus.oregonstate.edu).

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