**Clemson launches provost search**  
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Finding the right person to become a university provost can be a complicated process. To streamline the search, Clemson University is proactively taking steps to draw a highly qualified pool of candidates.

Clemson today launched its national search for the provost position – the No. 2 spot at the university.

While Clemson has retained a search firm to assist in the recruiting process, the university will take a collaborative, hands-on approach in attracting nominees who will provide long-term leadership to sustain and enhance further the quality, value and impact of Clemson.

“We have a unique opportunity here,” said Jeremy King, chair of the search committee. “Clemson is at an important moment in its history. It is crucial that we create our own future by ensuring that change happens because of us, and not in spite of us.”

As part of that change, the university has implemented methods to engage faculty and staff in the search and to keep them informed.

In addition to traditional recruiting techniques such as full-scale ads and job postings, Clemson has created a dedicated **Provost Search Web page** [http://clemson.edu/provost-search](http://clemson.edu/provost-search), which provides information about the provost position that was elevated by President Jim Clements to an executive vice presidency. The web page includes ads, videos, a news area, and an electronic nomination form for faculty and staff to nominate candidates.

“No one knows Clemson better than our faculty and staff,” said King. “To ensure that we have the best, brightest and most diverse pool of applicants, we encourage faculty and staff to engage in the search process with their nominations.”

**Recruiting in a digital age**

To recruit appropriate candidates in a high-tech world requires high-tech methods. Accordingly, social media will play a large role in identifying and recruiting applicants. Faculty and staff can assist by posting and sharing provost search information on their Social Media profiles.
“Our faculty and staff have ties to some of the most respected academics in higher education,” said King. “Our next provost could be someone who comes from one of those professional connections.

For those who prefer a personal touch, email templates are available for faculty and staff to use to alert appropriate provost candidates about the opportunity. Those email templates can be downloaded at the Provost Search Web page [http://clemson.edu/provost-search](http://clemson.edu/provost-search). If you’d like to order printed ads to disseminate at a professional meeting, contact Susan Schiff at sschiff@clemson.edu.

As the search progresses, we will keep you informed through Inside Clemson. The news area on the Provost website will also contain timely updates, so check it frequently. You can also follow the search on Twitter, with updates publicized under the #HelpLeadClemson hashtag.

For questions or more information, contact the search committee chair, Jeremy King, at provostsearch@clemson.edu.