

We hope you are doing well in the midst of the COVID epidemic and the additional challenges we are all currently facing. Despite these uncertainties, the [SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry](#) (ESF) is partnering with WittKieffer to seek a talented and visionary **Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs**. As a leader in academia, your perspective and input are deeply valued. We welcome your ideas and nominations of exceptional candidates.

Among the world's colleges and universities, ESF is unique in its holistic focus on the environment and in the breadth and depth of its expertise in the science, design, engineering, conservation, and management of natural resources. Located in Syracuse and nestled along the northeastern edge of the beautiful Finger Lakes region of upstate New York, all that ESF is and does serves its mission of achieving a sustainable world.

Given the urgency surrounding issues related to the environment including climate change and planetary health, ESF is uniquely positioned as an academic institution to lead the way into the future. This means that ESF's next provost must embrace a creative, nimble, and expansive leadership approach that moves beyond traditional academic stewardship. The next ESF Provost should also possess a firm commitment to academic excellence, the ability to work constructively and collaboratively with multiple constituencies through a model of shared governance, and a proven ability to translate ideas and visions into action.

Like many higher education institutions across the country, ESF is at a critical financial crossroads. The new Provost will be expected to exhibit strong leadership during challenging times and act with transparency to the benefit of all College stakeholders. In addition, ESF is focused on accelerating diversity within the faculty ranks and student body, increasing student retention, and creatively fostering new program, fund, and revenue development. The new Provost must be leader in each of these areas for ESF to be successful.

We invite you to examine the [leadership profile](#) at our website. For additional information, to express personal interest, or to make nominations, please contact us by email at SUNYESFProvost@wittkieffer.com.

Thank you for you very much for your time and consideration.