



TEXAS A&M
UNIVERSITY *at* GALVESTON

Applications are invited for the position of *Vice President and Chief Operations Officer (VP&COO)* of *Texas A&M University at Galveston (TAMUG)*, a branch campus of *Texas A&M University (TAMU)*. TAMUG is located in Galveston, Texas, a strategic location on the Gulf Coast, with a semitropical climate that offers year-round access to a variety of habitats comprising estuarine, coastal, and marine ecosystems.

As an incubator for knowledge creation and an exemplar in experiential teaching, TAMU is one of two Tier 1 public universities in Texas and a member of the *Association of American Universities (AAU)*, as well as a designated *Land-grant, Sea-grant, and Space-grant* institution. TAMUG, as a branch campus, is a subset of this University, not a separate institution. TAMUG has: (1) an enrollment of almost 2,350 students; (2) undergraduate and graduate programs in Liberal Studies, Marine Biology, Marine Engineering Technology, Marine Sciences, Maritime Administration, Marine Transportation, and Ocean Engineering; (3) research institutes in Oceanography, Marine Life Science, and Sustainable Coastal Communities, research centers in Marine Training and Safety, Ports and Waterways, and Texas Beaches and Shores, and various research laboratories; (4) the Texas A&M Maritime Academy (TAMMA), a premier Merchant Marine Academy in the United States, is one of only six state and one federal maritime academies in the Nation, which makes TAMU the only Tier 1 research university that trains mariners, in addition to conventional academic tracks; and (5) a fleet of vessels that support research and academic initiatives across TAMUG.

The VP&COO is expected to assemble a strong and outstanding leadership team to (1) set the vision, direction, strategies, and policies for the full scope of TAMUG's multiple and rapidly expanding missions in education, research, and service; (2) work with students, faculty, staff, and with multiple individual, local, state, national, and international stakeholders, to elevate TAMUG's standing and profile as a recognized national and international leader and center of excellence within the full spectrum of its unique niche of marine and maritime disciplines, and ocean and coastal studies; (3) make strategic allocations of budget and financial resources, facilities and space, and other resources required to achieve excellence in education, research, and service, and major local, national, and global impact; and (4) find external support for the diverse range of programmatic endeavors and physical facilities and resources of TAMUG and TAMMA, through fundraising and other means of development, from former students, other individuals, government, industry, business, and military organizations, and corporate and philanthropic foundations.

The education and experience of the VP&COO are expected to include (1) a Master's degree in any discipline that is relevant for the effective leadership and management of the wide range of academic and professional, research, and public service programs of TAMUG, and of the administrative and operations that support them – with a Ph.D. preferred; (2) significant senior level leadership experience in leading complex institutions comprised of multiple disciplines within an academic, industry, corporate/business, or military setting at department head or director level or above – with teaching and/or research experience in an academic institution preferred; and (3) established national and/or international reputation, and military experience achieving a rank of flag officer, and/or USCG certification are a plus.

The Search Committee will begin reviewing candidates immediately and will continue until the position is filled. Applications should include (1) a statement summarizing interest, accomplishments, distinguishing strengths, leadership style, and commitment to research, teaching, and service and (2) a detailed curriculum vitae. To ensure full consideration, inquiries, nominations, and applications should be submitted by August 1, 2016, in confidence, to:

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