Northwestern University seeks a visionary, collaborative leader to serve as the Dean of the Medill School of Journalism, Media, and Integrated Marketing Communications. Reporting directly to the Provost of Northwestern University, the Medill Dean is the chief academic and administrative leader of the Medill School.

Founded in 1851, Northwestern University is one of the country’s leading private research and teaching universities with an enrollment of over 8,000 full-time undergraduate students and approximately 12,000 graduate and professional students on campuses in Evanston, Chicago, and Doha, Qatar. Northwestern combines innovative teaching and pioneering research in a highly collaborative environment that transcends traditional academic boundaries. Northwestern provides students and faculty exceptional opportunities for intellectual, personal, and professional growth on its three campuses and many additional locations across the US and the world.

Northwestern operates with an annual budget of over $2.3 billion, an endowment of approximately $11 billion and more than $700 million in sponsored research awards. The University employs approximately 3,500 full-time faculty members and 5,700 full and part-time staff members. The University has 12 schools and colleges, including the Medill School of Journalism, Media, and Integrated Marketing Communications.

Medill, a leader in education since 1921, offers programs in journalism and integrated marketing communications that combine enduring skills and values with new techniques and knowledge that are essential to thrive in today’s digital world. The School has a long-standing reputation for academic excellence, and, as the media industries experience unprecedented change, Medill leads the way in educating a new generation of multimedia journalists and integrated marketing communications professionals who are not only thriving in this new media landscape but are also helping to shape it.

Medill offers both undergraduate and graduate degree programs, including the full-time, part-time, and online part-time Integrated Marketing Communications (IMC) program. The School has a full-time journalism faculty of 44 and a full-time IMC faculty of 21, in addition to part-time, clinical faculty, typically practicing professionals. The School enrolls nearly 800 undergraduates, including approximately 150 in the IMC certificate program, almost 150 MSJ students and over 200 MSIMC students split between full-time, part-time and online programs. A staff of 60 oversees and manages many of the programs and operations in the school.
Medill also offers an accredited bachelor of science in journalism (BSJ) degree program at Northwestern University’s Qatar campus. Qatar journalism faculty members teach essentially the same curriculum taught in Evanston.

The next dean of Medill will build on the School’s strengths while charting, in partnership with the faculty, a vision and strategy for the future in these transformative times in the fields of journalism, media, and marketing communication. As a key member of Northwestern’s leadership team, the Medill dean will strengthen collaborative relationships with other Northwestern schools and colleges and advance the University’s mission to provide excellent teaching, conduct innovative research, and facilitate the personal and intellectual growth of students in a diverse academic community.

The Dean of Medill is responsible for the leadership, creative direction, and overall administration of the School. Primary responsibilities of the dean include: refining and implementing a vision and strategic plan for the School; fostering outstanding scholarship; ensuring innovative, faculty-led curriculum; recruiting and retaining outstanding faculty; managing operations including Medill’s campuses in Evanston, Chicago, Washington, DC, and San Francisco; developing collaborative relationships across Northwestern University—including the Qatar campus—and within the Medill community; building on fundraising strategy as part of the university’s current capital campaign; and engaging with alumni, industry, and thought leaders.

The successful candidate will be uniquely qualified to assume this leadership position as a result of experience in academic and professional life. Medill’s next dean will possess both theoretical and applied expertise in journalism, media, marketing communication, or a related field. Special consideration will be given to those with significant leadership experience; proven experience fostering cross-disciplinary collaboration and innovation; exceptional communication skills; ability to strengthen relationships with alumni; a vision for fundable programmatic initiatives and an ability to garner support for them; a distinguished international reputation; a demonstrated commitment to diversity, equity and inclusion; and a record of accomplishments to justify appointment at the rank of tenured, full professor.

The search committee welcomes nominations. Applicants for the position should send a letter of interest and a CV to medilldeansearch@northwestern.edu.

Northwestern University is an Affirmative Action/Equal Employment Opportunity Employer. In a continuing effort to enrich its academic environment and provide exceptional educational and employment opportunities, the University actively encourages applications from women and minorities.