



Marshall University
Office of Vice President for Research

Vice President for Research (VPR) Position

Marshall University is a public, non-profit, academic institution offering degrees in 95 academic fields to over 14,000 undergraduate and graduate students (<http://www.marshall.edu/>). Its main campus is located in Huntington, West Virginia.

Marshall is building its research capacity with emphasis on capitalizing on the capabilities of recent facility investments and acquiring additional infrastructure and personnel to (1) enhance undergraduate and graduate research, (2) create nationally competitive interdisciplinary research programs/centers, and (3) accelerate regional technology-based economic development. The initial phase of this process has been major infrastructure development. The university has invested over \$110M of federal, state and private funds to construct an amazing array of state-of-the-art facilities - the Robert C. Byrd Biotechnology Science Center, the Edwards Cancer Center, the Clinical Education and Outreach Center, and the Forensic Science Center Annex. New hires in the School of Medicine, College of Science and the expanding College of Information Technology and Engineering are bringing increased grant activity. This year, non-construction research grants and contracts exceeded \$42M (twice that received in 2000-01) with over 75% coming from federal sources. Principal research thrusts involve medical and basic life sciences, forensics, environmental and transportation. The next phase of the university's strategic vision for research is the expansion of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) faculties and research. A major part of this expansion is the development of the Marshall Institute for Interdisciplinary Research (MIIR) featuring a number of endowed positions for nationally competitive investigators. The initial focus of MIIR will be the complex interactions between environmental and genetic factors contributing to chronic diseases of Appalachia.

The primary role of the VPR is to guide the development of Marshall's research endeavors in ways that anticipate and address global competitiveness and state needs. As Marshall's primary research administrator, the VPR serves as the Director of Marshall University Technology Transfer Office and the Office of Research Integrity, and also represents the University on several state research and economic development committees. The VPR reports to the Provost & Sr. VP for Academic Affairs.

Priority will be given to candidates possessing a Ph.D. degree in a basic or life science or an engineering field; significant research and administrative experience in higher education, industry or government laboratories; and demonstrated leadership skills in research development at the university, state, and/or national level. Salary will be competitive and commensurate with experience.

Send a letter of interest and curriculum vitae and the names of three references or nomination to: Dr. Sarah N. Denman, Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs, Marshall University, One John Marshall Drive, Huntington, WV 25755 or email academic-affairs@marshall.edu. Review of applications will begin immediately and continue until the position is filled.