



**Dean, School of Humanities  
Rice University  
Houston, Texas**

Rice University seeks an inspiring academic leader to serve as the next Dean of the School of Humanities. Reporting to the Provost, the Dean is the chief academic and executive officer of the School of Humanities and a member of the Deans' Council. The Dean will be expected to work closely with faculty in articulating priorities, opportunities, and ambitions for the humanities; to have intellectual curiosity and engagement with all disciplines and interdisciplinary endeavors within the school and across the University; and to implement creative, collaborative, and innovative strategies to further strengthen the national and international reputation of the School of Humanities and Rice University.

Rice University is an independent, coeducational, nonsectarian, private, first-tier research university dedicated to rigorous undergraduate and graduate education, research, and professional training in selected disciplines. Over 650 full-time faculty are devoted to the instruction and training of approximately 3,900 undergraduate students and 2,800 graduate and professional students. In the 2017 edition of U.S. News and World Report's rankings of national universities, the University is 15th overall, and 5th for undergraduate education. The University is centrally located in Houston, Texas, near the Texas Medical Center, the city's Museum District, and the downtown financial and cultural districts.

The School of Humanities consists of eight departments (Art History, Classical and European Studies, English, History, Philosophy, Religion, Spanish, Portuguese, and Latin American Studies, and Visual and Dramatic Arts) with 167 faculty members and approximately 440 undergraduate majors and 170 graduate students. The School also includes five centers: the Humanities Research Center; the Center for Languages and Intercultural Communication; the Center for the Study of Women, Gender, and Sexuality; the Chao Center for Asian Studies; and the Center for Critical and Cultural Theory.

The Dean will join a leadership team and a cohort of deans who will shape the future direction of Rice University and define its culture for the foreseeable future. Rice University seeks a Dean with an innovative and synthetic understanding of the role of the humanities at Rice: the new Dean will lead and support the faculty, encouraging creativity in service to a compelling vision for the School. Toward this end, the Dean will have the latitude and support to create sustainable programs that are transformative for the humanities. The successful candidate will champion the humanities both internally, among the Rice community and administration, as well as externally, in the greater Houston area and on the national stage.

Rice University has retained Isaacson, Miller, a national executive search firm, to assist in this important search. Confidential inquiries, nominations/referrals, and resumés with cover letters should be directed electronically to: Anita Tien, Vice President; Ben Tobin, Managing Associate; and Joanna Cook, Associate at Isaacson, Miller: [www.imsearch.com/5982](http://www.imsearch.com/5982).

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