

Vice President of Academic Affairs

Stephens College

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Stephens College has experienced unprecedented growth and positive change over the last four years as defined by virtually every measure. Senior leadership has united with the Stephens and Columbia communities in bringing about a renaissance at this 175-year-old women's college that is characterized by unique academic programs, an innovative spirit, a supportive alumnae network and a nearly 50% growth in overall enrollment over the past four years. Upon the retirement of our VPAA, we now invite applications for his successor. The VPAA is the College's chief academic officer and provides leadership for its academic endeavors. There are 55 full-time and 55 part-time faculty serving 700 traditional undergraduates and 400 graduate and continuing studies students. The appointment begins July 2008, although the successful candidate may choose to begin as early as January 2008.

Historically committed to meeting the changing needs of women, Stephens, founded in 1833, is the nation's second-oldest women's college. We are a selective, residential college focused on pre-professional fields and the performing arts and grounded in the liberal arts. We also offer co-educational degree and non-degree programs through our School of Graduate & Continuing Studies. See www.stephens.edu for more information. We are located in Columbia, Missouri, a vibrant and progressive three-college town of 100,000, ranked by Money Magazine as one of the best cities in which to live.

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The VPAA is a member of the senior management team and reports directly to the president. The VPAA is vested with primary responsibility for recruiting, developing, supporting and evaluating the faculty; for assessing and enhancing the quality of academic programs; and for overseeing the curriculum, advising program and academic budget. The ideal candidate has an entrepreneurial streak and the ability to plan for the future and deliver on those plans.

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Requirements:

Candidates must possess a doctoral or terminal degree, commitment to the values of a women's college, a record of academic achievement that merits appointment to the rank of Professor, and excellence in teaching and advising. Also essential are evidence of leadership via collaboration and consensus building, demonstrated effectiveness in academic administration, outstanding communication skills, and a willingness to be creative and collegial, allowing others to use their vision to develop unique and innovative programs.

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Submission by email is required. To be assured full consideration, nominations and applications must be received by October 15, although materials will be accepted until the position is filled. Please include a cover letter addressing the requirements noted above, vita and names of five references with contact information. The identity of applicants will be kept strictly confidential.

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Send all correspondence to:
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