The University of Miami invites nominations and applications for the position of Dean of its School of Communication. The University of Miami has a current enrollment of approximately 17,000 students (10,800 undergraduates and 6,200 graduate and professional students). The Dean is the chief academic officer of the School and reports to the Executive Vice President and Provost.

The School of Communication

The School of Communication at the University of Miami is a remarkable program of discovery and excellence that has launched professional careers and changed lives. For anyone seeking higher education in fields within the communication arts and professions, this program offers the opportunity to develop a personal voice within the context of collegial collaboration. The SoC strives to provide a learning experience that is permeated with the multicultural and global realities of the contemporary world.

The School is comprised of nine undergraduate majors: Advertising, Broadcast Journalism, Communication Studies, Electronic Media, Interactive Media, Media Management, Motion Pictures, Journalism, and Public Relations. It is the third largest undergraduate school at the University of Miami and is housed in two connected state-of-the-art buildings located on the University's beautiful 230-acre Coral Gables campus. The School offers M.A., M.S., M.F.A., and Ph.D. degrees. It also houses the Center for Communication, Culture, and Change that facilitates and sponsors interdisciplinary, collaborative research and creative projects for social change. The School has 75 full-time faculty members and an enrollment of about 1,000 undergraduate and 180 graduate students.

Mission

The School of Communication's mission is to prepare forward-thinking, analytical, and responsible communication professionals for success in a global society. The School is committed to quality undergraduate and graduate programs in communication that emphasize the relationship between theory and practice. We believe in freedom of expression and creativity and encourage both collaboration and independent thinking as we prepare future scholars, professionals, and leaders for a lifetime of service and learning.
The eight major undergraduate programs of study in the School are advertising, broadcast journalism, communication studies, electronic media, journalism, media management, motion pictures, public relations, and interactive media. Graduate programs at the M.A. level consist of journalism, public relations, and communication studies with tracks in health communication, communication studies, organizational communication, and intercultural communication. The SoC also offers M.F.A. degrees in interactive media and in motion pictures, an M.S. in media management, a doctoral program in communication focusing on research and action for positive change, as well as a J.D./M.A. program.

Student resources include two high definition television studios with control rooms, a motion picture sound stage, an interactive media center with a student-run media agency, a broadcast studio with uplink capability through Level 3, digital post-production facilities, advanced multimedia labs, a UX lab, an emerging media lab, a sound design suite, a state-of-the-art motion picture cinema with 4K and 35mm projection, a moving images archive with more than 3,000 classic films and television programs, and a wide variety of student groups. Students also have access to industry-standard software including Avid Media Composer with access to Avid Symphony and DaVinci Resolve, ProTools HD, AutoDesk Maya, Adobe Creative Cloud, AutoDesk Smoke, AP ENPS, and SPSS. SoC students interact closely with faculty who are Pulitzer Prize, Emmy, and Academy Award winners. The School’s faculty have worked for top television news networks, newspapers, websites, ad agencies, public relations firms, and magazines.

The School of Communication houses The Stein Family Office of Career Services and Internships, a dedicated career development resource providing opportunities for students to secure professional internships while they are in school and professional positions when they graduate.
Responsibilities

Responsibilities of the next Dean include, but are not limited to:

- Supporting the vision of each department and strategically allocating resources to achieve those visions.
- Advocate for resources for the School.
- Mentor and facilitate career development for faculty and staff at all levels.
- Foster interdisciplinary collaborations within the school and with other colleges and schools at the University.
- Understand Miami’s place in the world, having an appreciation for the community and vested in its success.
- Understand and develop departmental strengths while maintaining cohesion across departments.
- Fundraising ability.
- Spokesperson for different strengths and foci about faculty and programs.
- Embrace experiential learning.
- Support the diversity of faculty work in the School, including research presentations, creative showings, professional development, etc.
- Represent the interests of the School within the University, and in the community, both nationally and internationally.

Qualifications

The successful candidate should possess the following skills and qualifications:

- Have strong national or international research and/or creative activity reputation.
- Demonstrate sufficient academic or professional accomplishments to warrant appointment as a full professor in one of the School's departments.
- Must have the vision to lead the School into the future and advance an entrepreneurial mission that prepares forward-thinking, analytical, and responsible communication professionals for success in a global society.
- Must demonstrate strong interpersonal, managerial, mentorship, and leadership skills.
- Embraces diversity and diverse faculty perspectives to foster an internal culture of excellence.
- Must have the willingness and commitment to raising funds in a diverse, multicultural, international and competitive environment.
- Have a global perspective on media/industry landscape.
- Experience in curriculum building
- Competent spokesperson.
- Evidence of working across disciplines.
Leadership Style

- Kind and compassionate
- Visionary and forward-thinking, innovative and open-minded; an outside-the-box thinker
- Committed to diversity
- Team-builder who motivates people to want to follow his/her lead
- Values collegiality
- Instills trust and discourages micromanagement

Direct Reports

Positions on the leadership team who report to the Dean include:

- Vice Dean for Academic Affairs
- Associate Dean for Graduate Studies
- Executive Director of Business Operations
- Director of the Center for Communication, Culture and Change
- Chair, Department of Cinema & Interactive Media
- Chair, Department of Communication Studies
- Chair, Department of Journalism and Media Management
- Chair, Department of Strategic Communication
- Senior Development Director
- Orange Umbrella Director

The University

The University of Miami (UM) is considered among the top-tier institutions of higher education in the U.S. for its academic excellence, superior medical care, and cutting-edge research. At UM, we are committed to attracting a talented workforce to support our common purpose of transforming lives through teaching, research, and service. Through our values of Diversity, Integrity, Responsibility, Excellence, Compassion, Creativity and Teamwork (DIRECCT) we strive to create an environment where everyone contributes in making UM a great place to work.

The University of Miami is the largest private research university in the Southeastern United States. It is located on a beautiful campus in suburban Coral Gables, part of the vibrant intellectual and cultural community of the Miami metropolitan area. The University comprises eleven degree-granting schools and colleges, which are Architecture, Arts and Sciences, Miami Business, Communication, Education, Engineering, Law, the Miller School of Medicine, the Patricia and Phillip Frost School of Music, Nursing and Health Studies, and the Rosenstiel School of Marine and Atmospheric Science. The core of the University is its 2,660 full-time faculty housed in three academic campuses within the greater Miami area. The University receives over $360 million annually in external research funding and has been classified as a Doctoral University with Highest Research Activity (R1) by the Carnegie Commission.
Strategic Plan

In May 2018, the University of Miami Board of Trustees approved the Roadmap of our New Century Strategic Plan. The plan, which can be found at www.roadmap.miami.edu proposes a detailed set of actions that will enable the University to achieve its greatest aspirations. The University is in the silent phase of a capital campaign built around the Strategic Plan and the next Dean of the School will be expected to play a role in formulating and executing a campaign strategy for the School.

Leadership

President

Dr. Frenk became the sixth president of the University of Miami in August of 2015. He also holds academic appointments as Professor of Public Health Sciences at the Leonard M. Miller School of Medicine and as Professor of Health Sector Management and Policy at the School of Business Administration.

Prior to joining the University of Miami, he was the dean of the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health and the T & G Angelopoulos Professor of Public Health and International Development, a joint appointment with the Harvard Kennedy School of Government. Julio Frenk served as the Minister of Health of Mexico from 2000 to 2006. There, he pursued an ambitious agenda to reform the nation’s health system and introduced a program of comprehensive universal coverage, known as Seguro Popular, which expanded access to health care for more than 55 million previously uninsured Mexicans. He was the founding director-general of the National Institute of Public Health in Mexico, one of the leading institutions of its kind in the developing world. He also served as executive director in charge of Evidence and Information for Policy at the World Health Organization and as a senior fellow in the global health program of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, among other leadership positions.

Dr. Frenk holds a medical degree from the National University of Mexico, as well as a master of public health and a joint Ph.D. in Medical Care Organization and in Sociology from the University of Michigan. He has received honorary degrees from seven universities.

He is a member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, the U.S. National Academy of Medicine, and the National Academy of Medicine of Mexico. He serves on the boards of the United Nations Foundation and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. He has received numerous recognitions, including the Clinton Global Citizen Award for changing the way practitioners and policy makers across the world think about health, the Bouchet Medal for Outstanding Leadership presented by Yale University for promoting diversity in graduate education, and the Welch-Rose Award for Distinguished Service from the Association of Schools and Programs of Public Health.
Provost

Jeffrey Duerk, former Dean of the School of Engineering at Case Western Reserve University, is an accomplished engineer and scientist, as well as a respected academic with a deep appreciation for the social sciences, the arts, and the humanities. Throughout his distinguished career, he has promoted many interdisciplinary research and educational initiatives. A leading expert in biomedical imaging, especially magnetic resonance imaging (MRI), he holds more than 40 patents and has been awarded numerous federal and industry-sponsored grants. He has published nearly 200 peer-reviewed scientific articles. In 2017 he was inducted as a fellow into the National Academy of Inventors, which recognizes academic achievement, innovation, and scientific discovery.

He joined the Case Western faculty in 1988 and was appointed dean in 2012. He was the founding director of the Case Center for Imaging Research. He was also a founding leader of the Cancer Imaging Program at the Case Comprehensive Cancer Center. He is a fellow of the IEEE, ISMRM, and AIMBE, among other professional organizations.

Provost Duerk received his B.S. degree in electrical engineering from Purdue University, his M.S. in electrical engineering from The Ohio State University, and his Ph.D. in biomedical engineering from Case Western Reserve University in 1987.

Nomination and Application Process

Review of candidates will begin immediately and continue until the position is filled. Applications must include a letter of interest and curriculum vitae. All inquiries, nominations/referrals, and applications should be sent electronically and in confidence to: deansearch@miami.edu

More information about the Dean’s Search can be found at https://com.miami.edu/deansearch