Northeastern University seeks an outstanding scholarly and entrepreneurial leader for the position of Dean for the College of Engineering. Reporting to the Provost/ Senior Vice President of Academic Affairs, a member of the National Academy of Engineering, the Dean will have an opportunity to shape a college that will enhance Northeastern University’s distinctive educational mission and national and international reputation for joining innovation in engineering research and education in an interdisciplinary environment.

Located in the heart of Boston, in the arts district and the biomedical research corridor, Northeastern University is a private national research university offering a wide range of programs leading to degrees through the doctorate in eight schools and colleges. Over the past ten years, Northeastern has experienced extraordinary growth in admissions selectivity, research activity, campus life, donor support, and academic reputation. Today, Northeastern is the second largest private research university in Boston proper, comprising more than 15,000 undergraduate and 5,000 graduate students and over 4,200 faculty and staff. The university operates with a $798 million budget and over $95 million in research funding in FY 2011 of which over $30 million went to the College of Engineering.

Northeastern’s College of Engineering comprises 111 tenured and tenure-track faculty members and 27 full-time, non-tenure-track professional faculty members organized in four departments: Chemical Engineering; Civil and Environmental Engineering; Electrical and Computer Engineering; and Mechanical and Industrial Engineering. With over $30 million in new awards in both FY2010 and FY2011, the College of Engineering is a leading contributor to Northeastern’s success in securing external funding. The College vigorously pursues transformative research that supports the broader interdisciplinary research interests of the University, specifically in the areas of health, sustainability, and security.

In 2006, under the leadership of newly appointed President Joseph Aoun, the University embarked on an institution-wide planning process that involved reflecting on the institution’s purpose and envisioning its future. Today, with a new Mission Statement and Academic Plan in place, Northeastern is a vital, optimistic institution moving forward with confidence and energized by a sense of collective momentum and ambition. In addition, the University has implemented a new hybrid budgetary model based on responsibility based management that will provide its deans with heightened autonomy, financial control, and decision-making authority.
This is an unusual and exciting opportunity to join a university that is on a dramatic upward trajectory, led by a strong executive leadership team and a highly collaborative council of college deans. Northeastern University seeks a Dean for the College of Engineering who combines exemplary achievements in engineering with strategic leadership ability; entrepreneurial ambition; collaborative and creative energy; outstanding interpersonal and communication skills; and a passion for the unique mission of the College and the University.

Northeastern University has retained Isaacson, Miller, a national executive search firm, to assist in this recruitment. Review of candidates will begin immediately and continue until an appointment is made. Applications, including cover letter, vita, and three references, should be submitted in electronic form, to:

Nancy Maull, Vice President
Vivian Brocard, Vice President
Nureen Das, Senior Associate
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E-mail: 4421@imsearch.com

Electronic applications are strongly encouraged.

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