

PEPPERDINE
UNIVERSITY



Strengthening lives for Purpose, Service and Leadership

Dean of Seaver College

About Pepperdine

Pepperdine University is recognized nationally for maintaining the highest standards of excellence in undergraduate and graduate education. Consistently ranked as one of “America’s Best Colleges” by U.S. News & World Report, Pepperdine is an independent university enrolling approximately 7,700 students in five colleges and schools. Seaver College, the School of Law, the Graduate School of Education and Psychology, the Graziadio School of Business and Management, and the School of Public Policy are located on the University’s 830-acre campus overlooking the Pacific Ocean in Malibu. Courses are taught in Malibu, at four graduate campuses in Southern California, permanent program facilities in Washington, D.C., and at international campuses in Germany, England, Italy, Switzerland, Argentina, and China.

As a Christian university, Pepperdine is committed to the highest standards of academic excellence and Christian values, where students are strengthened for lives of purpose, service, and leadership. Each school offers rigorous programs which provide each individual with a broad foundation of self, scholarly, and spiritual knowledge. The University is religiously affiliated with Churches of Christ. Faculty, administrators and members of the Board of Regents represent many religious backgrounds, and students of all races and faiths are welcomed. It is the purpose of Pepperdine University to pursue the very highest academic standards within a context that celebrates and extends the spiritual and ethical ideals of the Christian faith.

Seaver College

Frank R. Seaver College of Letters, Arts, and Sciences (Seaver College) is the flagship college of Pepperdine University's five schools. Home to its residential undergraduate program in Malibu, California, the college provides studies in letters, arts and sciences based on a Christian worldview. With a student/faculty ratio of 13:1, Seaver emphasizes student-centered teaching by holistically investing in each and every student.

Academic divisions provide educational enrichment and career preparation in business administration, communications, fine arts, humanities and teacher education, international studies and languages, natural sciences, religion, and social science. Graduate programs are also available in American Studies, communication, religion, and writing for screen and television, with opportunities for students to work one-on-one with faculty, publish research papers, coauthor journal articles, and attend academic conferences.



Seaver is primarily a full-time residential community of students who have outstanding academic records, demonstrate strong moral character, possess an eagerness to learn, and aspire to professional, personal, and social excellence. Faculty are scholars who are deeply committed to teaching, having academic preparation to the highest degree combined with a devotion to Christian moral and ethical values.

More than half of Seaver College's 3,200 undergraduate students study abroad, taking up residence in Pepperdine's facilities in Europe, South America, and Asia, or in additional programs worldwide. Students also compete in 14 NCAA Division I intercollegiate sports. Throughout the celebrated history of Waves athletics, Pepperdine teams have won nine NCAA Division I Team Championships and more than 40 athletes have participated in the Olympics as a player or coach.

The Convocation/Chapel series offers a multitude of activities aimed at building Christian faith, affirming Christian values, or addressing ethical and moral issues within a Christian worldview. Engaging the spirit of service among Seaver students, the Volunteer Center facilitates 20 ongoing programs and 13 one-time volunteer opportunities to develop and support student leaders and build strong partnerships with the community.

Extending far beyond the classroom, Seaver College challenges its students to become global citizens who value lives of service, purpose, and leadership.

The Position

The Dean of Seaver College serves as the chief academic and administrative officer of the College and reports to the University Provost. The Dean is responsible for overseeing enrollment, curriculum, strategic planning, budget, student affairs, international programs, and personnel of the College.

Reporting to the Dean are the associate deans and chairs of all academic divisions and the deans of Student Affairs, International Programs, Enrollment Management and Financial Aid, and the director of Alumni Affairs.

Seaver College has 210 full-time faculty and offers 44 majors in divisions of business administration, communication, fine arts, humanities and teacher education, international



studies and languages, natural science, religion, and social science. Master's degrees are offered to approximately 100 students in the fields of communication, history, religion, and screenwriting.

The College's main campus is in Malibu, California, with additional residential programs in Buenos Aires, Florence, Heidelberg, Lausanne, London and Shanghai, as well as additional international study opportunities in Africa, Asia, Europe, and Latin America. Today Seaver enjoys a national and international reputation for the quality of its many programs, including international studies, the Great Books curriculum, undergraduate research programs, and a social action and justice curriculum. Students come from all 50 states and about 60 foreign countries.



Qualifications

The ideal candidate will hold an earned doctorate degree and possess a record of considerable academic and administrative experience, including significant scholarly activity and evidence of excellence in teaching and service that merits tenure and full professor status. In addition, the candidate will demonstrate a commitment to the undergraduate experience—both curricular and co-curricular. The selected candidate should be prepared to participate in extensive strategic planning, both at the College and University levels, and to manage a College budget in excess of \$150 million. A commitment to the University mission is essential. Strong preference will be given to candidates who are active members of the Churches of Christ.

Pepperdine University is a Christian university that maintains a vital relationship with Churches of Christ. Because Seaver College is central to this association, the next Dean of Seaver College must be prepared to preserve and enhance this affiliation through the curriculum, the co-curriculum, and constituency relations.



Strong communication and interpersonal skills are essential for the next Dean. An ability to build alumni support and engage in fund-raising is expected. The candidate will demonstrate a strong vision for undergraduate education in the 21st century, an ability to work collaboratively with faculty and staff in implementing the college's strategic plan, and a strong moral and ethical reputation.

Applications and Nominations

Applications, recommendations, and inquiries received by December 8, 2014 will be given full consideration; applications will be accepted until the position is filled. Inquiries, applications, and nominations for the position should be directed to CarterBaldwin Executive Search. Applicants should submit a letter of interest and curriculum vitae to:

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For more information about the University, please visit their web site at

www.pepperdine.edu.

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