

**Pepperdine University  
Dean, School of Public Policy**

*Pepperdine University invites nominations and applications for Dean of the School of Public Policy.*

Pepperdine University 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. Pepperdine's primary location is on an 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.

Pepperdine University was founded in 1937 by George Pepperdine, a businessman who founded the Western Auto Supply Company. For the first 30 years of its life, the institution was a small, mostly undergraduate college. University status was achieved in 1970 as the institution added graduate and professional schools. In 1972, the University opened its new campus in Malibu.

Pepperdine University is religiously affiliated with Churches of Christ, of which Mr. Pepperdine was a lifelong member. 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.

The School of Public Policy enrolls approximately 100 students and offers a Master of Public Policy (MPP) requiring 64 units of course work with four four-unit courses taken each semester for two academic years (four semesters). Joint degree programs are offered in conjunction with the Graziadio School of Business and Management, the School of Law, and the Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution.

Early public policy programs traditionally trained students to be analysts, helping to design effective government programs. While devoting significant attention to such analysis, the Pepperdine School of Public Policy is committed to nurturing leaders who can use these tools to effect real change, not only in government agencies, but also in the private and nonprofit sectors. The School has a broad curriculum and a commitment to academic freedom, free speech and the cultivation of varying opinions, as well as the agility to pivot quickly around new ideas and initiatives.

Beyond useful tools, this requires critical insights produced only by a broad understanding of the history and philosophy undergirding free institutions and an exposure to great ideas, courageous thinkers, and extraordinary leaders. It is based on the conviction that culture and personal moral certainties are also the valid concern of higher education—in fact, an important foundation for analysis. This significant and unique perspective is reflected in our "James Q. Wilson Curriculum," unashamedly setting it apart from many other public policy programs. With its Washington, D.C. facility, the School has an opportunity to establish itself as a bi-coastal School of Public Policy.

Reporting to the Provost, the Dean serves as the chief executive officer of the School of Public Policy. Pepperdine University seeks an individual with a record of distinguished achievement who demonstrates the ability to provide outstanding leadership to the School of Public Policy. The next Dean will be a critical leader in the School's strategic development efforts and will have the unique opportunity to leverage Pepperdine's momentum to bring the School of Public Policy to its next level. The next dean will drive an ambitious visioning effort to articulate the School's unique value proposition and lead development of a strategy to achieve key goals.

The successful candidate will have the leadership experience required to innovate and lead in a premier academic setting; a vision for projecting and advancing the excellence of the School into the future; outstanding collaborative skills; the ability to recruit, retain, and develop excellent and diverse faculty, students, and staff; a proven talent for fundraising and strong operational/financial skills to fulfill the goals and objectives of the School; and professional achievements and/or academic qualifications commensurate with a senior academic appointment.

Nominations, inquiries, and expressions of interest should be directed to Dr. Rick Marrs, Provost and Chair of the Dean Search Committee c/o Korn Ferry at [PepperdineSPP@kornferry.com](mailto:PepperdineSPP@kornferry.com). The search is ongoing and will continue until an appointment is made. The anticipated start date is July 2016.

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