

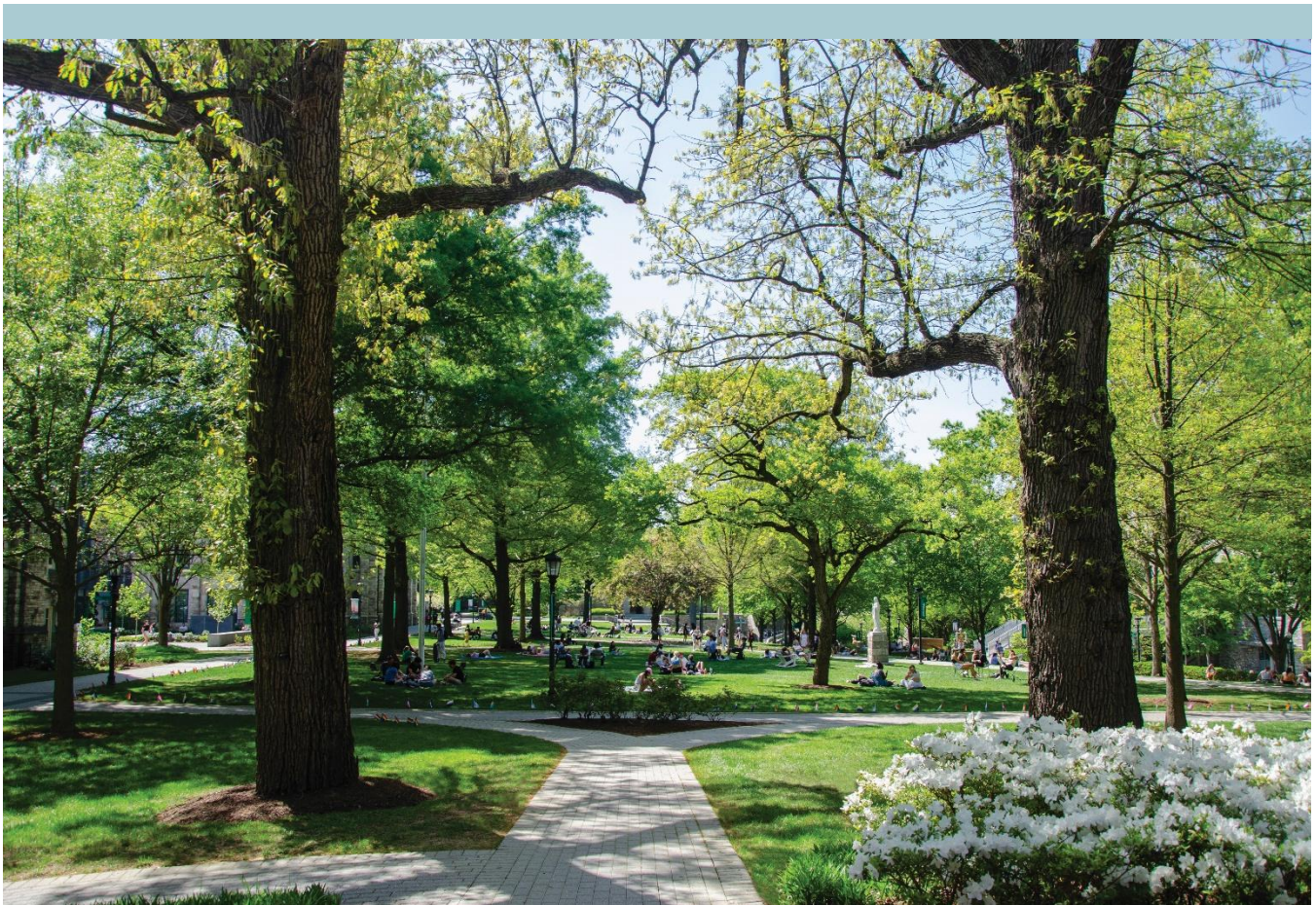


LOYOLA
UNIVERSITY MARYLAND

Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs

Leadership Profile

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Executive Summary

Loyola University Maryland invites nominations and applications for the role of provost and senior vice president for academic affairs. This is an exceptional opportunity for a collaborative, strategic, and forward-thinking academic leader to join a thriving Jesuit institution at a moment of significant momentum and possibility. Working in close partnership with the president and campus community, the next provost will help shape Loyola's future and realize the aspirations of its strategic plan, [*Together We Rise*](#).

Founded in 1852, Loyola is one of the nation's oldest Jesuit institutions and a nationally recognized comprehensive university located in Baltimore, Maryland. Loyola combines the strengths of a rigorous liberal arts foundation with highly regarded professional and graduate programs, educating students to learn, lead, and serve in a diverse and changing world while remaining firmly grounded in its Jesuit commitment to educating the whole person. The University enrolls approximately 4,000 undergraduate students and 1,000 graduate students, benefits from an engaged network of more than 80,000 alumni, and is widely recognized for its commitment to academic excellence, student success, social mobility, and Jesuit values.

The provost leads the Office of Academic Affairs, which encompasses Loyola College of Arts and Sciences, the Sellinger School of Business and Management, and the School of Education, as well as a broad portfolio of academic support and student-focused units. The University offers more than 40 undergraduate and 11 graduate programs across these schools and is supported by more than 485 faculty members, including 344 full-time faculty. With a faculty-student ratio of 12:1 and a culture defined by close student-faculty engagement, Loyola's academic community is deeply committed to transformational education, intellectual inquiry, and the formation of ethical and professional leaders grounded in the Jesuit tradition.

The next provost will inherit a culture characterized by strong student-faculty engagement, meaningful collaboration across the institution, and a shared commitment to educating the whole person. Reporting directly to [*President Terrence Sawyer*](#), the provost serves as the University's chief academic officer, second-ranking executive, and principal partner to the president on academic and institutional strategy. As a key member of the senior leadership team and the University's senior administrative officer in the president's absence, the provost provides leadership across the academic enterprise while helping advance Loyola's institutional priorities and long-term aspirations. Loyola offers a distinctive opportunity for a provost who values both the intimacy of a student-centered academic community and the complexity of leading strategic growth across a comprehensive university. The institution's highly relational culture, strong commitment to undergraduate education grounded in the liberal arts, established and growing portfolio of graduate and professional programs, deep Jesuit tradition, and longstanding commitment to service and engagement in the Baltimore community create a leadership environment that is both mission-centered and forward-looking.

The new provost will join Loyola at a pivotal and promising time. Guided by *Together We Rise*, the University is steadfastly committed to goals related to student success, academic innovation, faculty excellence, enrollment growth, and institutional sustainability. The successful candidate will provide strategic academic leadership, align academic priorities with enrollment and financial strength, advance faculty and student success, and help position Loyola for continued distinction and long-term success.

The ideal candidate will be an accomplished academic leader with credentials meriting appointment as a tenured professor and a demonstrated record of strategic leadership in a complex higher education environment. Loyola seeks a leader who values and understands Jesuit, Catholic education and can thoughtfully integrate mission, academic excellence, student development, and institutional sustainability in support of the University's long-term aspirations. The successful candidate will be deeply committed to student success and faculty excellence and will bring the exceptional judgment, humility, courage, and integrity necessary to lead within Loyola's highly relational culture. An accessible and collaborative partner, the next provost will inspire trust, communicate with clarity, balance consultation with decisive action, and embrace the opportunity to help lead Loyola through its next chapter of growth, innovation, and mission-driven excellence.

To submit a nomination or express personal interest in this position, please see Procedure for Candidacy at the end of this document.



Role of the Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs

Loyola offers a distinctive opportunity for a provost who values both the intimacy of a student-centered academic community and the complexity of leading a comprehensive university. A deeply relational culture, strong student-faculty engagement, established and growing undergraduate, graduate, and professional programs, and an unwavering commitment to Jesuit education position Loyola uniquely among institutions of its type.

Reporting to President Terrence Sawyer, the provost and senior vice president for academic affairs serves as Loyola's chief academic officer and has ultimate responsibility for Loyola's academic enterprise. As the University's second-ranking officer and the president's chief partner on academic and institutional matters, the provost helps advance and steward Loyola's mission, vision, and values. The provost serves on the president's senior leadership team and, in the president's absence or unavailability, serves as the University's senior administrative officer, exercising authority on behalf of the president as appropriate.

As chief academic officer, the provost is responsible for developing and advancing strategies that strengthen the quality, delivery, relevance, and impact of Loyola's academic programs. The provost leads the Office of Academic Affairs, which comprises the faculty, administrators, and staff in the School of Education, the Sellinger School of Business and Management, and the Loyola College of Arts & Sciences, as well as the academic support offices for faculty and for undergraduate and graduate students. Through these schools and supporting offices, the Office of Academic Affairs fosters excellence in teaching, learning, scholarship, student success, and institutional effectiveness across the University.

The Office of Academic Affairs serves students and faculty across the three schools in their academic and scholarly endeavors, and houses the following units and functions:

- [Academic Advising and Support Center](#)
- [Graduate Admission](#)
- [Loyola Clinical Centers](#)
- [Loyola-Notre Dame Library](#)
- [National Fellowships](#)
- [Office of Digital Teaching and Learning](#)
- [Office of Institutional Research](#)
- [Office of International Programs](#)
- [Office of International Student Services](#)
- [Office of Research and Sponsored Programs](#)
- [Office of the Dean of Undergraduate Studies](#)
- [Office of the Registrar](#)



Direct reports to the provost include:

- Dean of the Loyola College of Arts and Sciences
- Dean of the Sellinger School of Business and Management
- Dean of the School of Education
- Associate Vice President for Undergraduate Academic Affairs
- Associate Vice President for Graduate Academic Affairs
- Associate Vice President for Academic Budgets, Data, and Governance
- Assistant Vice President for Institutional Effectiveness and Academic Assessment
- Assistant Vice President for Career Development
- Director, Loyola/Notre Dame Library¹
- Equity and Inclusion Faculty Fellow
- Office Manager, Academic Affairs



¹ The library is a separate non-profit that supports both Loyola and Notre Dame of Maryland. The Library has its own board, on which the president, CFO, and provost of both schools serve (in addition to external board members). The director reports to the board and to the provosts of both institutions.

Opportunities and Expectations for Leadership

Guided by *Together We Rise*, Loyola is pursuing an ambitious agenda focused on student success, academic distinction, innovation, enrollment vitality, operational effectiveness, and mission advancement. As the University's chief academic officer and second-ranking leader, the next provost will play a central role in advancing institutional strategy, advancing academic excellence, and ensuring Loyola's continued strength and relevance in a rapidly changing higher education environment.

The provost will be expected to:

- **Provide Visionary Academic Leadership for Loyola's Next Chapter**

Loyola seeks a leader who understands that academic excellence, enrollment success, and financial sustainability are inseparable. The successful candidate will provide both strategic vision and disciplined execution, helping the University clarify its areas of distinction—including the enduring strengths of its Jesuit liberal arts tradition—assess emerging opportunities, allocate resources strategically, and make thoughtful decisions that advance Loyola's mission and long-term vitality. Beyond sustaining Loyola's many strengths, the next provost will help identify opportunities to elevate institutional performance, strengthen academic and administrative systems, and move the University from a position of considerable success toward even greater distinction. The provost will also provide executive oversight for institutional accreditation and assessment activities, ensuring successful preparation for Loyola's upcoming Middle States review and helping the University strengthen the policies, practices, and evidence-based processes that support academic quality and institutional effectiveness. The new provost will serve as an intellectual leader, the president's principal partner on academic and institutional strategy, and a visible champion for the academic enterprise while helping the institution navigate the evolving landscape of higher education.

- **Strengthen Academic Innovation, Growth, and Institutional Sustainability**

Loyola enters this search with significant momentum in academic program development and strategic planning. Recent investments in graduate education, health-related programs, nursing, experiential learning, and interdisciplinary initiatives have created opportunities for continued growth and differentiation. Over the past five years, the University has invested over \$140 million in academic spaces, demonstrating its commitment to the future through significant projects such as the Fernandez Center for Innovation and Collaborative Learning, the addition of Bloomfield Hall, and the continuing transformation of the Donnelly Science Center, creating environments that foster innovation, collaboration, and excellence in teaching and learning. These investments complement longstanding institutional assets such as the Loyola Clinical Centers, which have for more than two decades provided graduate student training opportunities while serving as an important resource and community partner throughout the region.

The next provost will play a central role in aligning academic planning, enrollment strategy, market opportunities, and resource allocation with the University's long-term priorities. Working closely with other senior leaders, the provost will help ensure that academic planning, program development, student retention efforts, and market responsiveness contribute to a sustainable enrollment future for Loyola, identifying innovative programmatic opportunities and thoughtfully evaluating future academic structures while maintaining Loyola's commitment to a rigorous liberal arts education and ensuring that innovation and growth build upon, rather than diminish, the distinctive educational foundation that has long defined Loyola. The successful candidate will be expected to foster a

culture of innovation and responsible risk-taking, balancing creativity with sound financial stewardship and helping the University pursue growth in ways that strengthen both mission and sustainability.

- **Elevate Faculty Excellence, Engagement, and Trust**

The next provost must be an academic leader capable of earning the trust and confidence of the faculty. Loyola's faculty are deeply committed to teaching, scholarship, mentorship, service, and the University's Jesuit educational mission, and the provost must understand and value these contributions while helping the institution respond to changing expectations within higher education. The next provost will have an opportunity to build upon recent investments in faculty development and support innovation in teaching and scholarship. The provost will help the University navigate emerging technologies, including artificial intelligence, while ensuring that innovation advances teaching, learning, scholarship, and ethical practice consistent with Loyola's mission. The provost will also be attentive to the factors that enable faculty members to thrive, including workload, professional support, career development, and the overall well-being and vitality of the academic community.

- **Advance Student Success Through an Integrated University-Wide Approach**

Loyola has long been recognized for its commitment to educating the whole person and fostering meaningful connections between students, faculty, and staff. Building on that foundation, the next academic leader will have the opportunity to further institutionalize a coordinated, institution-wide approach to student success that brings together academic affairs, student development, enrollment management, and co-curricular engagement in support of every student's success. Success will require building strong partnerships across divisions, strengthening communication and collaboration among stakeholders, and embedding student success priorities deeply within the University's culture, systems, and decision-making processes. The provost will use evidence and data to inform decision-making, champion policies that place student learning at the center of institutional life, and advance measurable goals related to retention, persistence, graduation, and postgraduate success. This work will require close partnership with colleagues across the University and a commitment to ensuring that the Loyola experience supports academic, personal, and professional flourishing.

- **Lead Change with Courage, Collaboration, and Emotional Intelligence**

Loyola seeks a leader who can successfully guide meaningful change within its deeply relational culture. The next provost must be both an exceptional collaborator and a confident decision-maker, capable of bringing people together around a shared vision while advancing important institutional priorities. The provost will help lead significant initiatives, including implementation of the strategic plan, continued efforts around student success, technology and operational transformation, academic innovation, and organizational effectiveness. Success will require balancing consultation with action, honoring Loyola's strengths and deeply relational culture while maintaining the objectivity and clear-eyed perspective necessary to advance difficult but important priorities. The new provost will have the capacity to make principled decisions in the best interests of the University as a whole while preserving the trust and engagement that define Loyola's community, honoring Loyola's strengths and strong culture while advancing necessary change, and communicating with humanity, transparency, and integrity. The successful candidate will bring the judgment and resolve needed to move important initiatives forward while maintaining the trust of the campus community.

Professional Qualifications and Personal Qualities

The ideal candidate will bring:

- **Commitment to Jesuit, Catholic education:** An authentic appreciation for the values and traditions of Jesuit higher education, with the ability to articulate and advance Loyola's mission of *cura personalis*. Candidates should demonstrate a clear understanding of mission-driven education and its relevance to today's students and society.
- **Strategic academic leadership:** A demonstrated ability to develop, articulate, and execute a compelling academic vision that advances academic excellence, student success, faculty distinction, enrollment growth, and long-term institutional sustainability. The successful candidate will anticipate shifts in higher education, identify emerging opportunities, and lead strategic initiatives that advance academic excellence, student success, faculty distinction, enrollment vitality, and long-term institutional sustainability. The candidate will demonstrate respect for shared governance and a commitment to engaging faculty as thought partners in institutional decision-making.
- **Collaborative, institution-wide leadership:** A record of serving as an effective partner to presidents, vice presidents, deans, governing boards, faculty leaders, and administrative colleagues. The successful candidate will approach decisions from an enterprise-wide perspective, viewing themselves first and foremost as an institutional leader who fosters collaboration, accountability, and shared purpose while balancing the needs of the academic enterprise with the broader interests of the University.
- **Operational, financial, and data-informed acumen:** Demonstrated experience aligning resources, investments, and organizational capacity with institutional priorities and using evidence and data to inform decision-making. The next provost will bring an understanding of higher education finances, enrollment dynamics, academic operations, and performance metrics, coupled with the ability to translate strategy into measurable outcomes at the undergraduate and graduate levels.
- **Experience leading change and innovation:** Proven success leading complex organizational and academic change, including strategic planning, academic innovation, organizational transformation, program development, or other institution-wide initiatives. The successful candidate will possess strong transformational leadership skills coupled with strong relational skills to navigate change, along with a comfort level in navigating emerging opportunities and challenges, including artificial intelligence, evolving student expectations, graduate and professional program growth, and changing higher education economics.
- **Commitment to faculty excellence and student success:** A demonstrated dedication to advancing student learning, persistence, and holistic development while simultaneously supporting faculty success in teaching, scholarship, innovation, and service. The ideal candidate will understand and champion the critical connections among faculty engagement, student achievement, community impact, and institutional effectiveness. The successful candidate will also support the continued development of department chairs and other academic leaders, helping strengthen leadership capacity throughout the academic enterprise.

- **Enrollment and student market awareness:** An understanding of the demographic, competitive, and market forces shaping higher education and a demonstrated ability to partner with others in aligning academic strategy with enrollment objectives, student demand, and institutional sustainability.
- **Relationship-centered leadership, courage, and integrity:** Exceptional interpersonal skills and a demonstrated ability to build trust across diverse constituencies. The successful candidate will possess humility, political acumen, sound judgment, and the confidence to make difficult decisions, communicate them transparently, and lead effectively through change.
- **Academic credibility and accomplishment:** An earned terminal degree and a record of academic achievement that merit appointment as a tenured full professor. The successful candidate will possess a deep appreciation for the teacher-scholar model, shared governance, and the distinctive role of a comprehensive Jesuit university grounded in the liberal arts.
- **Personal qualities:** Intellectual curiosity, resilience, optimism, sound judgment, humility, confidence without ego, a strong work ethic, an authentic commitment to community and service, and a sense of humor. The candidate will inspire confidence through actions, embrace Loyola's culture of care and service, and bring the energy and enthusiasm necessary to help the University realize the aspirations of *Together We Rise*.



About Loyola University Maryland

Overview

Loyola University Maryland, located in the vibrant city of Baltimore, is a prestigious, selective, comprehensive university with a strong residential liberal-arts-based undergraduate program and professional graduate programs at the master's and doctoral levels. Deeply committed to the Ignatian principles upon which it was founded, Loyola focuses on the care and education of the whole person—in mind, body, and spirit—and its mission centers on preparing its students to learn, lead, and serve in a diverse and changing world.

Founded in 1852 in a state that began as a colonial leader in offering religious freedom to Roman Catholics, Loyola was the first Jesuit college in the U.S. to bear the name of St. Ignatius of Loyola. Established to serve a primarily local, commuting population, Loyola is the second-oldest chartered college in Baltimore. Its first “campus” was a modest house in downtown Baltimore; it moved to its present Evergreen location in northern Baltimore in 1922. Loyola College became coeducational following a merger with Mount St. Agnes College in 1971 and adopted the Loyola University Maryland designation in 2009.

Today, Loyola combines a rigorous liberal arts foundation with highly regarded professional and graduate programs. Through its three schools ([Loyola College \(Arts and Sciences\)](#), the [Sellinger School of Business and Management](#), and the [School of Education](#)), it offers more than 40 undergraduate and 11 graduate programs, preparing students to learn, lead, and serve while advancing the Jesuit tradition of educating the whole person. Loyola is home to a chapter of Phi Beta Kappa and maintains a strong reputation for academic quality, student engagement, and post-graduate success. In addition to the University's main campus, Loyola also operates a robust Clinical Center and classroom space at Belvedere Square in Baltimore.

U.S. News & World Report has ranked Loyola among the top ten regional universities in the North Region for the past decade. It is among *Washington Monthly's* top master's universities nationally and is listed among the “best value” private colleges in *Kiplinger's Personal Finance*. In addition, Loyola was recently recognized among the nation's top universities in the *Wall Street Journal* College Pulse 2026 Best Colleges in the U.S. Loyola placed #19 among 500 institutions and # 1 among Catholic institutions, Maryland schools, and members of the Patriot League.

Loyola enrolls approximately 4,000 undergraduate and 1,000 graduate students from a wide range of backgrounds. Approximately one-third of undergraduates are Maryland residents, 76% live on campus, 56% are women, 37% are students of color, and 2% are international students. 44% of students participate in Loyola's robust study abroad program. Overall, 99% of undergraduates receive some form of financial aid, with 98% receiving a Loyola-funded grant or scholarship. Student retention averages 86% annually, and nearly 71% of undergraduates graduate in four years.

In addition to its strong undergraduate tradition, Loyola maintains a vibrant portfolio of graduate and professional programs that serve learners across multiple disciplines and stages of their careers. The University's graduate offerings reflect Loyola's commitment to academic excellence, professional preparation, community engagement, and responding to evolving workforce and societal needs.

At Loyola, more than 485 faculty members inspire students to learn, lead, and serve. Of approximately 338 full-time faculty, over 62% are tenured or tenure-track. Expert scholars in their fields, the faculty awaken intellectual curiosity in students, instilling in them the pursuit of academic excellence and helping them to become leaders who can serve a diverse and changing world. The faculty-student ratio at Loyola is 12:1.

More than 80,000 Loyola alumni serve as lifelong stakeholders and are the university's largest constituency group. Loyola graduates are connected by a transformational, Jesuit educational experience and remain committed to the University's health and future. Loyola has several active alumni advisory boards.

University points of pride include the following highlights. More information can be found [here](#).

- Loyola is ranked #19 overall in the nation by the *Wall Street Journal* 2026 Best Colleges in the U.S., rising four spots from last year.
- Loyola is included in *U.S. News & World Report's* Best Colleges list (2025), earning the No. 7 spot among Best Regional Universities in the North.
- Loyola is recognized nationally as a Best Catholic College by *Niche* and by *College Consensus*. Intelligent.com also ranked Loyola as the Best Catholic School in Maryland.
- According to *U.S. News & World Report's* 2026 Best Graduate Schools rankings, Loyola's Psy.D. program is tied for No. 3 nationally among institutions offering the Psy.D. as their sole doctoral degree in clinical psychology.
- Loyola University Maryland was recognized as a Top Performer on Social Mobility by *U.S. News & World Report* for enrolling and graduating underrepresented students who are Pell Grant recipients. In fact, 25% of students in the Class of 2028 are Pell-eligible, and 14% of students at Loyola are Pell Grant recipients, with an 82% graduation rate among those students.



Mission

Loyola University Maryland is a Jesuit, Catholic university committed to the educational and spiritual traditions of the Society of Jesus and to the ideals of liberal education and the development of the whole person. Accordingly, the University will inspire students to learn, lead, and serve in a diverse and changing world.

In addition to academic coursework, the Jesuit mission is supported through a variety of programs and events sponsored by various University departments.

[Service & Justice](#)
[Faith & Spirituality](#)
[Mission Integration](#)

Vision

With a steadfast commitment to student success, Loyola University Maryland is dedicated to transformational excellence. As a Jesuit, Catholic University, we aim to lead with love and work for justice and aspire to be the best place in the world from which to change the world.

Loyola's Jesuit, Catholic Identity

Loyola's Jesuit, Catholic intellectual tradition asserts that faith and reason complement each other, and questions of faith are encouraged and examined as intellectual inquiries. This approach nurtures a community committed to an examined life of intellectual, social, and spiritual discernment, as well as the understanding that leadership and service to the world are intimately connected.



Core Values

Since their founding nearly 500 years ago, the Jesuits have had a distinctive way of looking at life. The Ignatian worldview emphasizes openness and enthusiasm toward the whole of God's richly diverse creation and for the human person as its crowning glory; hopefulness and pragmatism in seeking graced solutions to life's challenges, tempered by realism and compassion about the reality of human weakness; sustained critical attention to motivations and choices based on the conviction that individuals, through the exercise of their freedom, exert a real influence on their world and one another; and commitment to a life of growing integrity and increasing service to God and to others.

As a Jesuit, Catholic university with a 174-year history, Loyola University Maryland adopts and adapts these characteristic emphases of the Ignatian heritage and reflects them in its life and work by encouraging all its constituents to cultivate and to live by certain core values.

- [Academic Excellence](#)
- [Focus on the Whole Person](#)
- [Integrity and Honesty](#)
- [Diversity](#)
- [Community](#)
- [Justice](#)
- [Service](#)
- [Leadership](#)
- [Discernment](#)
- [Constant Challenge to Improve](#)

Campus and Student Life

Loyola University Maryland has campuses in the Baltimore metropolitan area. The majority of undergraduates reside on the University's picturesque main campus in northern Baltimore City. The University also operates the Loyola Clinical Centers at Belvedere Square, near the main campus. In all, the University comprises more than 2 million square feet of building space across some 200 acres.

Campus life at Loyola is vibrant, rounding out a rich educational experience. Students engage in more than 150 clubs and organizations across diverse interests. More than 80% of students participate in a practicum, internship, or field experience prior to graduation. Nearly two-thirds of students participate in service activities on campus, in the community, or around the globe, enriching their academic experiences through a Jesuit dedication to social justice.

Loyola competes in the Patriot League, fielding teams in eight men's and nine women's sports. Athletic facilities include the 6,000-seat Ridley Athletic Complex, 2,100-seat Reitz Arena, Diane Geppi-Aikens Field, and the Fitness and Aquatic Center, where the Swimming and Diving teams compete before a 500-seat spectator area in the Mangione Aquatic Center.

Finances

Loyola's financial operations remain strong. The University has had a consistent track record of balanced budgets, while making new investments in strategic initiatives and campus infrastructure. The University continues to produce impactful, positive changes in net assets from operating activities. Loyola reports total gross assets of nearly \$895 million, an annual operating budget of nearly \$375 million, and an endowment of approximately \$400 million as of May 31, 2026. The University employs Prime, Buchholz & Associates as its investment consultant and currently uses 35 investment managers.

Schools and College

- **College of Arts and Sciences:** Loyola College offers traditional liberal arts as well as professionally focused majors in three disciplinary divisions: [Humanities](#), [Social Sciences](#), and [Natural and Applied Sciences](#). [Graduate programs](#) at Loyola College focus on advancing knowledge within a discipline or on advanced training in various service professions. A research degree is available at the master's level in theology. Professional service degrees are available in speech-language pathology and clinical professional counseling, and at the doctoral level in psychology. We offer an online Emerging Media degree with two courses in residence. Training opportunities within various graduate programs are available at the [Loyola Clinical Centers](#).
- **School of Education:** The School of Education is known for its innovation, particularly in securing grants, programming, and research. The school houses a leading undergraduate and graduate program for initial teacher certification and 8 graduate education programs for professionals who aspire to become teachers, educational leaders, and counselors. Graduate programs lead to certification in educational leadership, licensure as school counselors, and licensed graduate professional counselors, along with Montessori education. Well respected for its mission-driven preparation, graduates are highly desired employees.
- **Sellinger School of Business and Management:** The Sellinger School of Business and Management is internationally recognized for scholarship, ethical leadership, history, and reputation. The School's mission is to educate innovative, collaborative, data-informed, and principled leaders prepared to create a more diverse, equitable, inclusive, and sustainable future for Baltimore and beyond. The Jesuit business programs are characterized by purposeful teaching, impactful scholarship, meaningful community engagement, and care for the whole person. The School offers 8 undergraduate majors, 1 undergraduate minor, a professional MBA, an emerging leaders MBA, and a master of Accounting.



University Leadership

Terrence M. Sawyer, President



Terrence M. Sawyer, J.D., became the 25th president of Loyola University Maryland on January 1, 2022. His career at Loyola started in 1998 as special assistant to the president for government and community relations, where he worked extensively to create and maintain positive relationships with Loyola's neighboring communities and government officials.

In 2004, he was named vice president for administration, where he served as liaison to the Board of Trustees and oversaw the departments of human resources, legal affairs, public safety, environmental health and safety, and parking and transportation, while also continuing his government and community relations duties. In 2015, he was named vice president for advancement, and he most recently served as senior vice president, leading the division of advancement as well as alumni relations, career services, and marketing and communications. In addition, he is an affiliate professor in Loyola's Sellinger School of Business and Management.

In recent years, under Mr. Sawyer's leadership, the University raised more than \$100 million through the *Bright Minds, Bold Hearts* campaign, the largest campaign in Loyola's history, which significantly grew the University's endowment and student scholarship support. During his tenure, Sawyer also led the advancement team in raising funds to support strategic capital projects, including the recently opened Miguel B. Fernandez Family Center for Innovation and Collaborative Learning.

Sawyer was instrumental in developing and launching the York Road Initiative, where Loyola collaborates with neighbors and partners in the Govans community to bring positive change in the areas of civic capacity, education, and economic and business development.

Under his leadership as senior vice president, Sawyer oversaw an advancement team that secured multi-million-dollar gifts to support the construction of the Fernandez Center of Innovation and Collaborative Learning, a career services team that has re-envisioned the University's approach to the discernment and pursuit of careers for its students and alumni, and the office of marketing and communications.

President Sawyer is a graduate of the Ignatian Colleagues Program, a program run by the Association of Jesuit Colleges and Universities that is designed to educate and form administrators and faculty more deeply in the Jesuit and Catholic tradition of higher education. During the program, he completed the Spiritual Exercises and participated in an immersion experience in El Salvador. In June 2016, he walked in the steps of St. Ignatius on a pilgrimage through Spain and Italy.

A native of Wayne, N.J., Sawyer earned his bachelor's degree in government and politics from the University of Maryland, College Park, a Juris Doctor degree from the Widener University School of Law, and completed the Harvard Graduate School of Education's Institute for Educational Management program. Prior to working at Loyola, Sawyer was an attorney for the Maryland Department of Business and Economic Development and practiced civil and criminal law in Baltimore City. He is a member of the Maryland State Bar.

Baltimore, Maryland

The largest city in Maryland, Baltimore — also known as Charm City — is an economic hub and the center of a metropolitan area of 1.5 million people. Located on the Chesapeake Bay, the city represents diverse cultures and neighborhoods, ranging from metal and glass skyscrapers to brick row houses to the famous Inner Harbor.

Within Baltimore's many unique neighborhoods and communities lives a story of history and cultural influence across the globe. Fort McHenry, the birthplace of the national anthem, is a prime location to experience Baltimore's historic charm. Fells Point has many buildings and homes that are centuries old alongside modern boutiques, oyster bars, taverns, bakeries, and gelato spots. Edgar Allan Poe and Billie Holiday both called Baltimore home at points in their lives, and the spirit of Baltimore continues to influence the artists, innovators, and creators who live there today.

For the Loyola community, Baltimore is not simply home; it is an extension of campus. The city affords students cultural experiences and career opportunities that enhance, expand, and strengthen their academic pursuits. Baltimore has more than 70 art galleries, 300 restaurants, and 6,000 acres of parkland. The city is home to the NFL's Baltimore Ravens and the MLB's Baltimore Orioles, and iconic Oriole Park at Camden Yards has been repeatedly named the best stadium experience in North America.

Baltimore is within driving distance of magnificent beaches, ocean resorts, and spectacular mountains. Washington, D.C., Philadelphia, and New York are each an easy drive or train ride away.

More information about Baltimore can be found at the links below:

- [Baltimore City Government](#)
- [Baltimore City Tourism](#)
- [Visit Baltimore](#)
- [10 Can't-Miss Things to Do in Baltimore](#)

Procedure for Candidacy

WittKieffer is assisting Loyola University Maryland in this search. All applications, nominations, and inquiries are invited. For fullest consideration, candidate materials should be received by November 9, 2026.

Applications should include, as separate documents, a CV or resume and a letter of interest addressing the themes in this profile and should be submitted through the [WittKieffer Candidate Portal](#).

The salary range for this position is \$350,000 - \$375,000 with a competitive benefits package and relocation assistance.

Nominations and inquiries can be directed to the WittKieffer team supporting this search: Robin Mamlet, Lauren Bruce-Stets, and Corin Edwards at Loyola-SVPAAP@wittkieffer.com.

Loyola University Maryland strongly values the benefits that diversity brings to the workplace. In accord with its Ignatian values, the University is committed to creating and promoting a community that recognizes the inherent value and dignity of each person. Loyola University Maryland does not discriminate on the basis of race, sex, color, national or ethnic origin, age, religion, disability, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity, genetic information, military status, or any other legally protected classification. The University recruits, hires, and promotes in accord with this policy and its Core Values.