

Dean of the
College of Engineering

Engineering and Digital Innovation Center
Groundbreaking Spring 2026

Executive Summary

Michigan State University (MSU) seeks a visionary, strategic, and collaborative leader to serve as the next Dean of its College of Engineering (COE). Applications, nominations, and expressions of interest are invited.

Michigan State is the nation's premier land-grant university and one of the top research universities in the world. As a member of both the Association of American Universities (AAU) and the Big Ten Academic Alliance, MSU is nationally recognized for its academic excellence, impactful research, and global outreach. It is also known for its Spartan grit and resilience. MSU is stronger because of its community, which includes more than 51,000 students, 5,600 faculty and staff, and a network of over half a million living alumni who are extremely loyal supporters and cheerleaders for the university. The Dean will join MSU and its new leadership to build upon its existing strengths and propel it to new heights.

With a rich history dating back to 1888, the MSU COE is one of the oldest and most sought-after academic options at Michigan State, boasting more than 6,800 students, 12 undergraduate degrees, 11 graduate degrees, and growing. Their bright and industrious students are taught by a world-class academic team that includes 341 faculty across **eight departments and two interdisciplinary programs** with a focus on developing innovative engineers and computer scientists who solve complex transdisciplinary problems and drive economic development, both locally and globally.

The college, home to **innovative research**, an international community of scientists and scholars, and \$70.9 million in annual research expenditures, continues to be recognized as an international leader in composites, coatings, biometrics, and pattern recognition.

MSU's COE also strives to focus on **inclusive excellence** by providing a place where faculty, students, and staff experience and contribute to a community that embraces and celebrates every member. Through collective efforts, it aims to offer each individual a supportive, positive, and safe environment that results in a place for all to belong and thrive.

The Dean of MSU's COE serves as the chief academic officer and executive of the college, reporting to the provost and executive vice president for academic affairs. The Dean provides leadership and is responsible for all matters relating to the administration of the college, including academic programs, personnel, budgets, alumni engagement, fundraising, and industry relations. The Dean collaborates closely with the eighteen deans across MSU on numerous joint programs and initiatives, advancing the University's priorities.

The next dean will shape and execute a bold, forward-looking vision aligned with the institution's strategic plan, **MSU 2030: Excellence and Global Impact**, advancing priorities in interdisciplinary collaboration, research prominence, student success, and expanding the university's global reputation. Key opportunities include leading transformative initiatives such as strengthening MSU's research profile toward its \$1 billion goal, modernizing curricula to prepare graduates for a rapidly evolving workforce, and fostering innovation in teaching and learning. A central component of this vision will be leveraging the **Engineering and Digital Innovation Center** (EDI Center) as a catalyst for interdisciplinary research, industry partnerships, and experiential learning.

The Dean will also play a critical role in fundraising and external engagement, contributing to MSU's \$4 billion campaign and building partnerships with alumni, industry, and donors. Additionally, the Dean will provide strategic leadership as MSU implements a new budget model in FY27-FY28, ensuring resources are aligned with mission-critical priorities and enrollment strategies. This is an exceptional opportunity to lead a college with a proud legacy, a collaborative culture, and a commitment to addressing society's most pressing challenges through engineering solutions.

The ideal candidate will hold a doctoral degree and possess a record of excellence in teaching and research suitable for a tenured appointment at the rank of professor. They will bring proven academic leadership experience and a collaborative approach to setting and achieving strategic goals. The next dean must demonstrate strong financial acumen, a commitment to shared governance, and the ability to engage faculty, staff, students, alumni, donors, and industry partners. Essential qualities include fostering an inclusive environment where all are valued, advancing student success, and supporting world-class research and teaching. The Dean will serve as a compelling public face of the college, building external relationships and articulating a clear vision, while working collaboratively across MSU to further institutional priorities.

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



College Overview

Engineering is among Michigan State University's founding disciplines and is home to innovative research centers and an international community of scientists and scholars. In collaboration with industry and government, the college develops practice-ready talent to drive the economy of Michigan and beyond, making engineering and computer science degrees granted by the college among the most valued in the marketplace.

ENROLLMENT

6,800+

Engineering Students

5,800+

Undergraduate

900+

Graduate (M.S. & Ph.D.)

22.7%

Female Undergraduate
Student Enrollment

24.7%

Female Graduate
Student Enrollment

ACADEMICS

341

Faculty

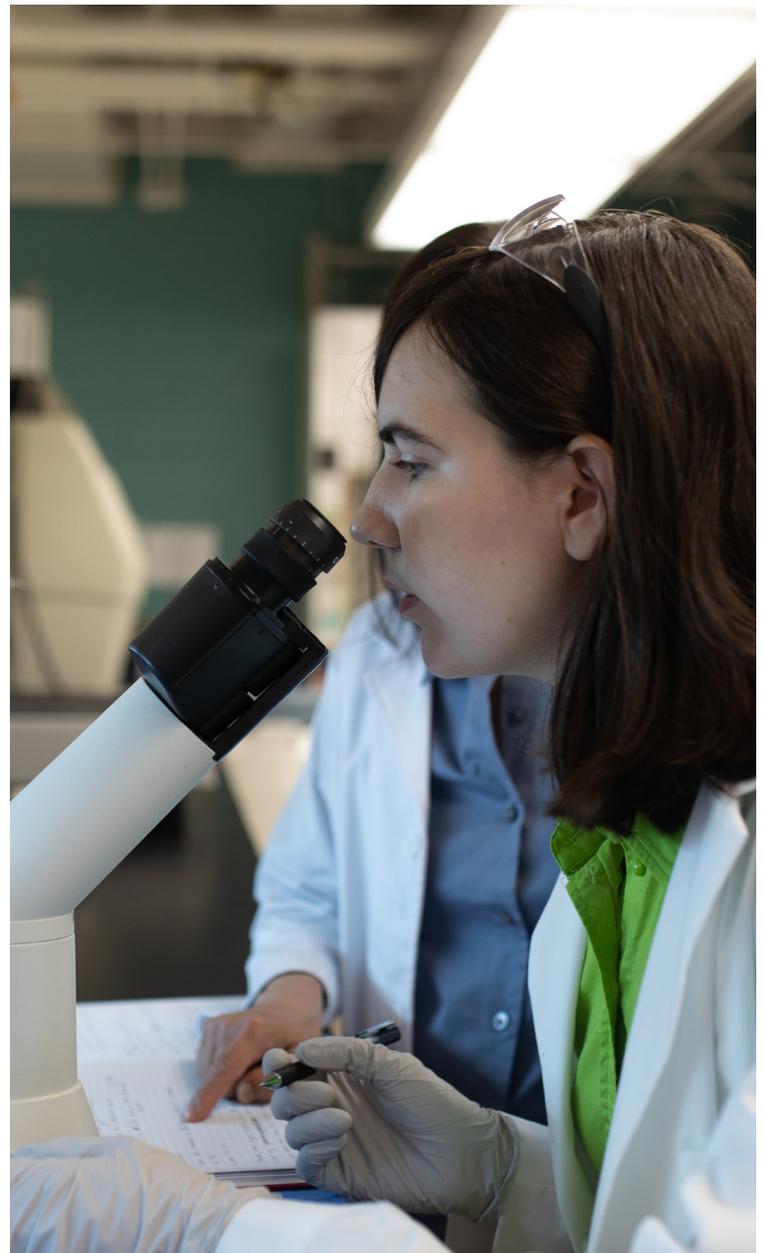
(237 Tenure System, 27 Continuing System,
77 Fixed Term)

12

Bachelor's Degrees

11

Graduate Degrees



ACADEMIC DEPARTMENTS AND PROGRAMS

- Applied Engineering Sciences
- Biomedical Engineering
- Biosystems and Agricultural Engineering
- Chemical Engineering and Materials Science
- Civil and Environmental Engineering
- Computational Mathematics, Science and Engineering
- Computer Science and Engineering
- Electrical and Computer Engineering
- Mechanical Engineering
- Technology Engineering

DEGREE PROGRAMS

| Degree Programs | B.S. | M.S. | Ph.D. |
|---|------|------|-------|
| Applied Engineering Sciences | ✓ | | |
| Biomedical Engineering | | ✓ | ✓ |
| Biosystems Engineering | ✓* | ✓ | ✓ |
| Chemical Engineering | ✓* | ✓ | ✓ |
| Civil Engineering | ✓* | ✓ | ✓ |
| Computational Data Science | ✓ | | |
| Computational Mathematics Science & Engineering | | ✓ | ✓ |
| Computer Engineering | ✓* | | |
| Computer Science | ✓** | ✓ | ✓ |
| Electrical & Computer Engineering | | ✓ | ✓ |
| Electrical Engineering | ✓* | | |
| Engineering Mechanics | | ✓ | ✓ |
| Environmental Engineering | ✓* | ✓ | ✓ |
| Materials Science & Engineering | ✓* | ✓ | ✓ |
| Mechanical Engineering | ✓* | ✓ | ✓ |
| Technology Engineering | ✓ | | |

*Accredited by the Engineering Accreditation Commission of ABET, <https://www.abet.org>.

**Accredited by the Computing Accreditation Commission of ABET, <https://www.abet.org>.

Michigan State University is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission.

RESEARCH PRIORITIES

Applied Electromagnetics

Development of electromagnetics devices and technologies to improve communication and sensing capabilities for a wide array of consumer, industrial and governmental applications.

Computational and Informational Systems

Algorithm design and software development to enable and advance data mining, artificial intelligence, machine learning, computer vision, context-aware computing, trustworthy computing, and cyberphysical systems.

Health and Biomedical

Discovering and engineering solutions to enhance health and wellness and to improve health care for increased longevity and quality of life.

Materials, Mechanics, and Advanced Manufacturing

Creation of new and improved materials, properties, performance and applications, as well as improved processes for manufacturing and joining.

Mobility and Robotics

Designing mechanisms for improving the lives of people, facilitating transportation, and supporting manufacturing of goods, with particular emphasis on a new generation of autonomous, connected, energy-efficient vehicles that can operate safely under real-world conditions.

SmartAg

Applying technology to the agro-food supply chain to enhance food safety, food security, and system efficiency.

Sustainability: Infrastructure, Environment, Energy, and Water

Creating sustainable approaches to meeting societal resource needs, optimizing interactions between the natural and built environments, and protecting human and environmental health.

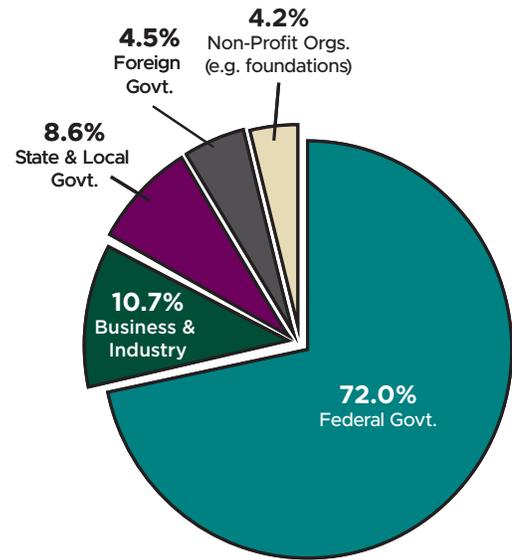


TOP FEDERAL FUNDING SOURCES

- National Science Foundation (NSF)
- Department of Defense (DOD)
- Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)
- Department of Energy (DOE)
- US Department of Agriculture (USDA)
- United States Department of Transportation (USDOT)

\$70.9 M

Engineering Research Expenditures



RESEARCH CENTERS AND INSTITUTES

- Composite Materials and Structures Center
- Composite Vehicle Research Center
- Connected and Autonomous Networked Vehicles for Active Safety (CANVAS)
- Fraunhofer USA Center Midwest (CMW)
- Great Lakes Bio Energy Research Center
- Institute for Quantitative Health Science & Engineering (IQ)
- MSU Industrial Training and Assessment Center (ITAC)
- MSU Mobility
- MSU Space Electronics Initiative
- National Center for Pavement Preservation (NCPPI)



CAREER OUTCOMES AND ECONOMIC IMPACT

The College of Engineering is among MSU's top producers of research discoveries and commercialization that help build a diversified economy and generate jobs for Michigan and beyond. Spartans engineer a healthier, safer, and more sustainable world in industries including automotive, manufacturing, insurance, commercial banking, information technology, electronics and hardware, small business sectors, and more.

400+

Employers Hire
MSU Engineers

\$78,392

Average Starting
Salary

91.5%

Graduate Placement Rate
(employed or continuing education)

59%

Graduates Employed
in Michigan

74%

Graduates Employed
in Midwest

Top States (outside of MI)

IL, TX, CA, NC, OH, NY, WI, WA, TN, VA



Data represents Spring 2024 survey results from graduating undergraduate students



College Strategic Plan 2023 - 2028

MISSION:

We develop practice-ready engineers and computer scientists, solve complex transdisciplinary problems, and drive economic development - both locally and globally - through innovative and engaging teaching, groundbreaking research, and socially conscious service within a culturally rich, intellectually open, and intentionally inclusive environment.

VISION:

We will be recognized as leaders in solving global problems and driving economic development.

In order for us to realize this vision, we have developed overarching goals to guide investment decisions across our three core mission areas:

RESEARCH:

We will strategically invest in key areas of strength and leverage these strengths to shape national and global research priorities.

EDUCATION:

We will enhance our educational ecosystem to drive student preparation, persistence, and success.

OUTREACH:

We will increase our impact through effective engagement with internal and external partners and collaborators.



Community of Respect and Innovation

At Michigan State University's College of Engineering, we believe that education and innovation are strongest when built on mutual respect. The students, faculty, and staff are the foundation of our college and our success. Guided by MSU's land-grant mission, we are dedicated to advancing knowledge, expanding access to education, and creating solutions that serve the common good. To that end, we are committed to a community where each person is respected, supported, and empowered to thrive.

OUR CORE VALUES



LIVING OUR VALUES

- Faculty and staff model respect in teaching, research, and supervision.
- Support systems promote well-being, collegiality, inclusion, and excellence.
- Open feedback and dialogue ensure that all voices are heard and included.
- Recognition celebrates not only outcomes, but how we achieve them.
- Setbacks encourage curiosity, innovation and persistence.
- Continuous improvement ensures community growth and resilience.

GUIDING PHRASE

Engineering with Respect. Innovating with Purpose. Building with Trust. Growing through Resilience.

Alumni Board

The College of Engineering Alumni Board serves as a strategic advisory and engagement body that represents alumni stakeholders in advancing the mission and stature of the college. Through counsel to the Dean and college leadership, the Board provides feedback on programs and initiatives, supports development and external relations efforts, and strengthens communications and marketing. Alumni Board members foster meaningful connections among alumni, students, faculty, and industry partners; promote recognition of distinguished alumni, students, and faculty; and create opportunities for alumni involvement. Collectively, the Alumni Board enhances alumni engagement, expands professional and philanthropic support, and helps ensure the College of Engineering remains responsive, connected, and positioned for long-term success.



Engineering and Digital Innovation Center

Imagine an innovative space at MSU where every student can tailor their academic journey and pursue their passions right from the start. Rather than being confined by traditional majors, students lead with their unique missions and creativity. MSU's Engineering and Digital Innovation Center will be a transformative center for teaching and research, forging new frontiers in emerging fields and preparing MSU students today for the careers of tomorrow.

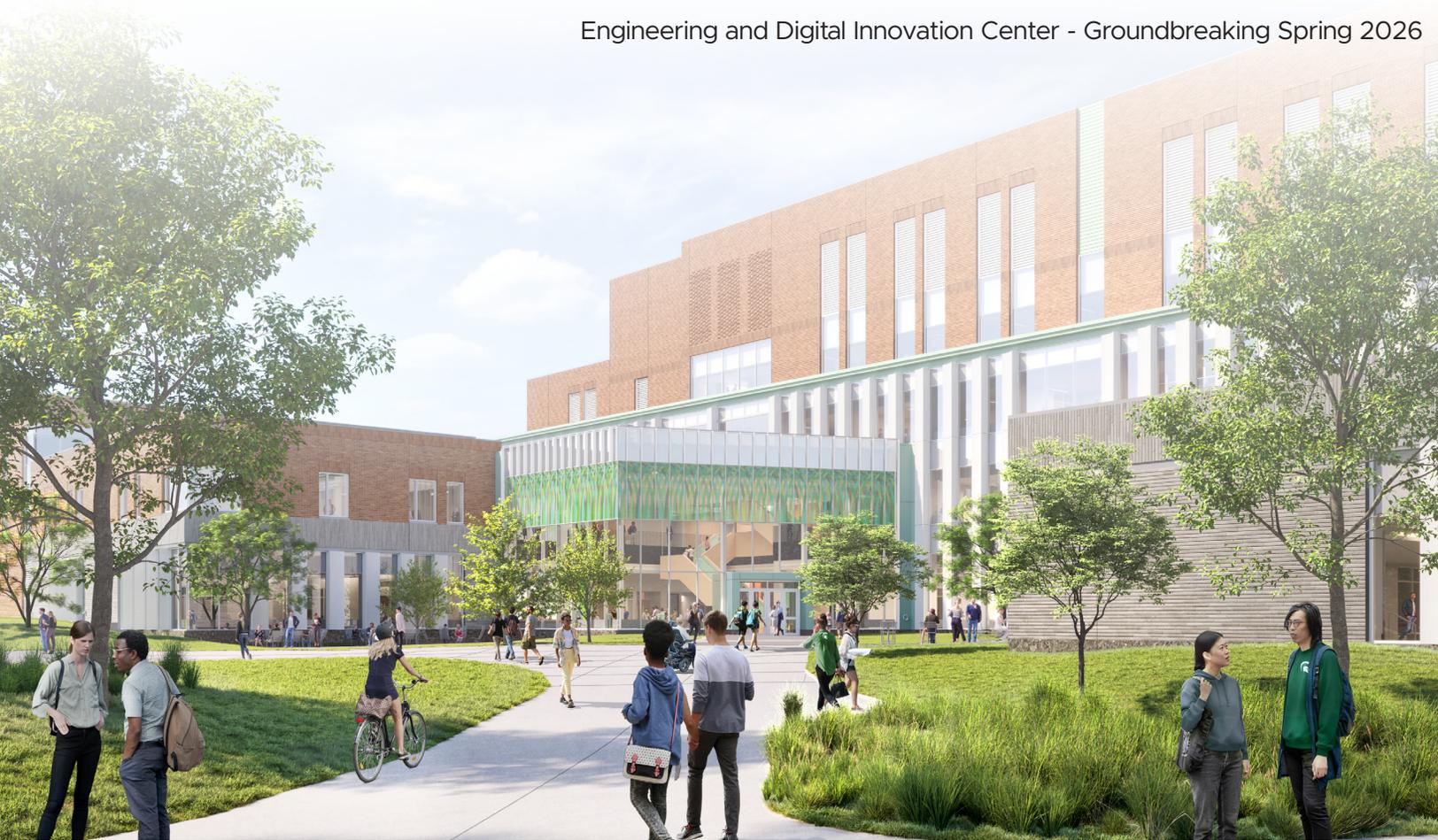
The Engineering and Digital Innovation Center will take a pioneering approach to delivering research and instruction across six colleges. The intentional blending of academic disciplines will prepare the next generation of Spartans to be the difference makers and innovators of tomorrow. The Center will create value-added synergies on which students and researchers can capitalize, allowing them to reach new heights in their careers and bring markedly high impacts to the world.

[Engineering and Digital Innovation web page](#)

[News and Updates web page](#)

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Opportunities and Expectations for Leadership

The following items have been identified as key priorities for the incoming dean, in no particular order:

CREATING A FORWARD-LOOKING VISION FOR ENGINEERING AT MSU

With roots dating back to 1888, MSU's COE stands as one of the university's oldest and most distinguished academic units. Today, it is also one of the largest and most sought-after programs on campus, serving more than 6,800 students across 12 undergraduate programs and 11 graduate degrees. This scale, combined with its rich legacy, positions the college as a cornerstone of MSU's land-grant mission. The next dean will be charged with shaping and executing a bold, future-oriented vision that further positions the college as a leader in innovation, collaboration, and impact. This vision must align with and advance the objectives of **MSU 2030: Excellence and Global Impact**, ensuring that engineering plays a central role in driving the university's strategic priorities. The Dean will lead the development of a comprehensive strategic plan that fosters interdisciplinary partnerships, elevates research prominence, modernizes curricula to prepare students for an evolving workforce, and strengthens the college's global reputation. This is an opportunity to build on MSU's culture of collaboration and leverage transformative initiatives to create an environment where faculty, students, and industry partners work together to solve the world's most pressing challenges.

ADVANCING INTERDISCIPLINARY COLLABORATION

MSU is nationally recognized for its culture of collaboration and commitment to breaking down silos across disciplines. The next dean must be a trusted partner who thrives in this highly collegial environment and proactively builds strong relationships with campus leadership, fellow deans, institute directors, faculty, and staff. Against the backdrop of one of the most comprehensive universities in the world, MSU Engineering is uniquely positioned to lead transformative partnerships with colleges such as Agriculture and Natural Resources, Arts and Letters, Business, Music, and Human Medicine, among others. Central to this effort is the new Engineering and Digital Innovation Center, scheduled to open in 2028, which will serve as a hub for interdisciplinary research and education. Featuring an "industry sandbox" designed to connect students with real-world challenges and industry partners, this facility will catalyze innovation and entrepreneurial activity across campus. The Dean will maintain a visible and active presence, championing collaboration that aligns with the president's and provost's vision and leveraging MSU's strengths to address complex global challenges.

LEADING FUNDRAISING AND EXTERNAL ENGAGEMENT

The next dean must be an outward-facing leader who is deeply committed to advancing the college's external relationships and philanthropic success. They will serve as a key contributor to the University's \$4 billion **Uncommon Will, Far Better World** campaign, which aims to activate talent, catalyze synergies, and build futures. Success in this role will require a compelling communicator and relationship builder who can inspire confidence among alumni, corporate partners, and donors while positioning MSU Engineering as a hub for collaboration and global impact. The Dean will dedicate significant time to external advancement, donor relations, and strategic partnerships. This includes driving major fundraising efforts tied to the new EDI Center and interdisciplinary initiatives, cultivating strong industry collaborations, and engaging MSU's highly active alumni network, including the **Engineering Alumni Board**, which plays a vital role in advocacy and support.

The Dean's active and mutually rewarding engagement with this group is of critical importance. Recent philanthropic milestones, such as the landmark [Lamach gift](#), underscore the momentum and opportunity for impact.

STRENGTHENING RESEARCH PROFILE AND INFRASTRUCTURE

The next dean will play a critical role in advancing MSU's ambition to reach \$1 billion in total research expenditures by 2030 and significantly expand its national and global research standing. This requires fostering high-profile, collaborative research centers and securing large-scale grants that position MSU Engineering at the forefront of discovery and innovation. The Dean will advocate for and advance investments in state-of-the-art facilities, including costly equipment and laboratory upgrades, which are essential for cutting-edge research. Current annual research expenditures total \$70.9 million, with 72% of the college's funding sources derived from the federal government, 10.7% from business and industry, 8.6% from state and local governments, 4.2% from nonprofit organizations, and 4.5% from foreign governments. Building on the college's existing strengths, the next dean will champion growth in [research priority areas](#), including applied electromagnetics, computational and informational systems, health and biomedical, materials, mechanics and advanced manufacturing, mobility and robotics, SmartAg, and sustainability. The Dean will also help advance emerging areas, such as artificial intelligence, data science, and health technologies. Centers, institutes, and initiatives such as the [Fraunhofer USA Center Midwest](#), [MSU Mobility](#), [Institute for Quantitative Health Science & Engineering \(IQ\)](#), and [MSU Space Electronics Initiative](#)—an alliance with the [Facility for Rare Isotope Beams and Michigan State University](#), exemplify MSU Engineering's capacity for interdisciplinary impact. In addition, the Dean must work closely with faculty to navigate the changing tides of research funding, pivoting strategically to secure new sources of support and position the college for success in a competitive and evolving funding landscape. These efforts must be scaled and integrated into a cohesive strategy that elevates MSU's research profile globally while supporting faculty success and innovation.

MODERNIZING CURRICULUM AND ADVANCING STUDENT SUCCESS

Student success is a hallmark of MSU's COE, exemplified by innovative programs such as the [First-Year Engineering CoRe Experience](#), which provides incoming students with hands-on learning, collaborative projects, and early exposure to engineering design and problem-solving. CoRe also offers designated housing for both first-year and second-year engineering students who choose to live and learn within the Engineering Living-Learning Community (LLC). Spartan Engineers remain in demand, with more than 400 employers hiring MSU engineering graduates at an average starting salary of \$78,392. The [Center for Spartan Engineering](#) connects thousands of students to businesses and corporations through internships, co-ops, jobs within education and research, and training opportunities in specialty areas such as energy, health, materials, mobility, defense, security, and sustainability. Building on these strong foundations, the next dean will lead efforts to modernize the curriculum and ensure both undergraduate and graduate students are prepared for a rapidly evolving workforce. This includes expanding experiential learning opportunities, integrating leadership and professional skill development, and aligning programs with industry needs. The Dean will also guide the college in addressing the transformative impact of artificial intelligence on engineering education and computer science, ensuring MSU graduates remain competitive in emerging fields. By fostering innovation in teaching and learning and leveraging MSU's existing strengths, the Dean will advance a culture of excellence that supports career readiness and positions students for success in technical and leadership roles.

ADVANCING FINANCIAL STRATEGY AND ENROLLMENT GROWTH

The Dean will join the university at a pivotal moment as MSU implements a new budget model, beginning with a shadow year in FY27 and full adoption in FY28, while addressing enrollment pressures and shifting demographics. Strategic leadership will be essential to ensure financial stability and growth. The Dean must demonstrate strong financial acumen, making data-informed decisions about resource allocation and aligning investments with mission-critical priorities. Creative strategies for recruiting and retaining students amid the anticipated enrollment cliff will be vital, as will efforts to maintain MSU's competitive edge in engineering education and research. Equally important is the ability to build consensus and communicate transparently about funding models, priorities, and trade-offs, fostering trust across faculty, staff, and campus leadership. Success in this area will require foresight, adaptability, and a commitment to advancing the college's academic and research excellence within a dynamic financial landscape.



Professional Qualifications and Personal Qualities

The next dean of MSU's College of Engineering will have many of the following professional qualifications and personal qualities:

- An earned doctoral degree and a record of excellence in teaching and research appropriate for a tenured faculty appointment at the level of professor in one of the college's departments is required.
- Academic leadership experience, for example, as associate dean, department chair, or institute director.
- Demonstrated experience in working collaboratively with others to identify strategic goals, in implementing a plan to achieve desired outcomes, and in engaging and empowering others to lead initiatives that advance a unit's mission and vision.
- A commitment to shared governance and to listening to the variety of constituents represented in the college, including faculty, staff, students, alumni, donors, and industry.
- An appreciation for and understanding of academic excellence across all disciplines in the college and its connections to the university broadly, to create an environment that encourages world-class academic research, high-quality teaching, and innovative initiatives.
- A deep commitment to and experience advancing student success and an understanding of the curricular and co-curricular experiences that will prepare students to succeed after graduation.
- A record of effectively utilizing existing resources and identifying new resources that will advance a unit's strategic objectives.
- The capacity to serve as the public face of the college, a record of engaging with external partners to gain insights and create mutually beneficial relationships, and the skills required to articulate the college's vision to alumni and corporate partners.
- The ability to raise funds to support the college from alumni, donors, foundations, and industry partners.
- A demonstrated commitment to fostering an environment where everyone is welcomed, valued, respected, and engaged.
- Strong written, verbal, and interpersonal skills and the ability to inspire others through authenticity and supportive relationships.
- The ability to play a key role in university leadership, advocating for the college, forging strategic connections across colleges, and an ability to work collaboratively with other deans and campus units to further the goals and objectives of the College of Engineering and Michigan State University.

About MSU

Michigan State University has been advancing the common good with uncommon will for more than 165 years.

The nation's premier land-grant university, MSU was founded with the goal of democratizing higher education and bringing science and innovation into everyday life. Today, MSU makes an impact in communities from East Lansing to East Africa as it pushes the boundaries of discovery, expands opportunities, and advances equity to create a better, safer, and healthier world for all.

One of the world's leading public research universities and a member of the Association of American Universities, MSU offers nationally ranked and recognized academic, undergraduate research, residential college, and service-learning programs, and is a leader in study abroad among public universities.

A diverse and inclusive academic community, MSU enrolls more than 50,000 students from all 50 states and nearly 140 countries, employs nearly 2,000 tenure-system faculty members, and offers more than 400 programs of study in 17 degree-granting colleges.

An indication of MSU's excellence and impact is its selection by the U.S. Department of Energy Office of Science to design and establish the Facility for Rare Isotope Beams - the preeminent user facility of its type in the world. Opened in 2022, the facility provides research opportunities for scientists from around the globe, fueling breakthrough applications while developing the next generation of scientific leaders.

MISSION

MSU is an inclusive, academic community known for its traditionally strong academic disciplines and professional programs, as well as its liberal arts foundation. MSU's cross- and interdisciplinary enterprises connect the sciences, humanities, and professions in practical, sustainable, and innovative ways to address society's rapidly changing needs.

As a public research-intensive, land-grant university funded in part by the state of Michigan, MSU's mission is to advance knowledge and transform lives by:

- providing outstanding undergraduate, graduate, and professional education to promising, qualified students in order to prepare them to contribute fully to society as globally engaged citizen leaders;
- conducting research of the highest caliber that seeks to answer questions and create solutions in order to expand human understanding and make a positive difference, both locally and globally;
- advancing outreach, engagement, and economic development activities that are innovative, research-driven, and lead to a better quality of life for individuals and communities, at home and around the world.

MSU STRATEGIC PLAN 2030

The strategic plan articulates a shared vision for MSU, shaped through an inclusive process that incorporated the input of many voices. It focuses on six major thematic areas that will guide the University's collective efforts moving forward.

Visit the [MSU Strategic Plan Overview web page](#) for more information.

University Leadership - President

KEVIN M. GUSKIEWICZ

Kevin M. Guskiewicz, Ph.D., is a neuroscientist and higher education leader who assumed the presidency of Michigan State University on March 4, 2024.

Guskiewicz focuses on the university's role as a talent activator for the state of Michigan and beyond, preparing students for the global challenges and career opportunities of the 21st century. As the leader of a proudly public educational institution, his chief priority is fostering a university that is strategic, bold, inclusive and student-focused.

He holds a professorship in the MSU College of Education's Department of Kinesiology and was awarded a John A. Hannah Distinguished Professorship on Oct. 31, 2025.

In 2011, Guskiewicz received the prestigious MacArthur Fellowship for his innovative work on the diagnosis, treatment and prevention of sport-related concussions. His research has influenced collegiate and professional football safety guidelines, and he has published over 200 peer-reviewed papers and maintains an active research portfolio.

In 2013, Time magazine named him a Game Changer, one of 18 "innovators and problem-solvers that are inspiring change in America."

Upon his arrival at MSU, Guskiewicz embarked on a 52-stop listening and learning tour of the university's colleges and administrative units. The tour initiated his work to help identify an institutional "true north," leading MSU to provide the best education and workplace culture for Spartans and bold service to the public in the land-grant tradition.

The university celebrated his **presidential investiture** on Sept. 29, 2024. There, Guskiewicz described his "one team" approach and unveiled his first set of initiatives addressing strategic priorities for Michigan State's continued rise as a leading global research university.

Among President Guskiewicz's **signature initiatives** is the Green and White Council, a group of civic and business leaders, funders and government officials advising MSU on how to best prepare students to meet current and future workforce needs. He has introduced a full-ride, competitive scholarship program that features financial support for experiential opportunities such as education abroad. Other key initiatives include widening access to an MSU degree through programs accommodating Michigan community college transfers, Native American enrollees and Lansing-area students.



To bring the university closer to its Michigan communities, Guskiewicz, in the fall of 2024, inaugurated the semi-annual **Spartan Bus Tour**. The bus tours take MSU leaders and faculty members to places its students call home and where Michigan State's impact is felt daily through its research, education and outreach.

To equip the university with the resources to thrive in the 21st century, Guskiewicz, in the spring of 2025, launched Michigan State's most ambitious comprehensive campaign to date. The \$4 billion **"Uncommon Will, Far Better World"** campaign aims to cultivate lasting change by expanding access and opportunity for Spartans and enhancing their potential through scholarships and programmatic support; growing groundbreaking research and community partnerships to tackle the world's most pressing challenges; and transforming university spaces and technology to empower Spartans to lead in their fields.

Kevin Guskiewicz's leadership extends beyond the campus boundaries to include representing Michigan State in prestigious higher education associations, including the Association of American Universities, Association of Public and Land-Grant Universities, University Innovation Alliance, Big Ten Conference, Research Universities for Michigan and the Michigan Association of State Universities.

Recognizing the importance of higher education to the prosperity of the state and nation, Guskiewicz is also active in Business Leaders for Michigan, Citizens Research Council, Detroit Economic Club, Detroit Regional Chamber, Downtown Detroit Partnership, Grand Action 2.0 and the Council for Competitiveness.

Guskiewicz came to Michigan State from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, which he led as chancellor from 2019-24. Earlier, he served as dean of the UNC College of Arts and Sciences, as a department chair and as a Kenan Distinguished Professor in the Department of Exercise and Sport Science. He was executive director of the Center for the Study of Retired Athletes at UNC and the founding director of the Matthew Gfeller Sport-Related Traumatic Brain Injury Research Center.

A 2020 National Athletic Trainers' Association Hall of Fame inductee, Guskiewicz earned a bachelor's degree in athletic training from West Chester University, a master's in exercise physiology/athletic training from the University of Pittsburgh and a doctorate in sports medicine from the University of Virginia.

Born and raised in Latrobe, Pennsylvania, he and his wife Amy have four children: Jacob, Nathan, Adam and Tessa.

University Leadership - Provost

LAURA LEE MCINTYRE

Laura Lee McIntyre, Ph.D. is a psychologist, educator, and higher education leader who assumed the role of Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs at Michigan State University on August 4, 2025. McIntyre's faculty home is in the Department of Counseling, Educational Psychology, and Special Education where she is an MSU Research Foundation Professor. Prior to her appointment at MSU, she served as Dean of the College of Education at the University of Oregon.



McIntyre has extensive leadership experience in higher education and has served as dean, department chair, director of graduate studies, research institute director, member of the faculty senate, and served two terms on the University of Oregon's Board of Trustees. She is deeply committed to shared governance, academic freedom, and cultivating an environment where students, faculty, staff, and community can thrive. McIntyre is a fierce supporter of public higher education and is committed to building trust with constituents across campus and in the community to accelerate the impact of higher education to promote public good. Her leadership is rooted in collaboration, relationship-building, and honest and transparent communication. Integrity, honesty, inclusion, and joy are some of the values that McIntyre brings to her leadership.

Laura Lee McIntyre's research focuses on children's mental and behavioral health, special education, and prevention and intervention to promote child and family well-being in vulnerable and underserved populations. Her work focuses on systems of care, including families, schools, and healthcare. McIntyre's current NIH-funded research focuses on the long-term behavioral health outcomes of youth with and without disabilities following the school closures during the COVID-19 pandemic.

McIntyre has more than 120 publications and 270 scientific presentations. Her research has been supported by more than \$25 million in grants from federal agencies, including NIH, IES, OSEP, and HHS. She is the recipient of several awards for her research and teaching, including early and mid-career research awards from the American Psychological Association and the American Association for Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities. One of her greatest joys is working with students and mentees. McIntyre is the recipient of the Golden Apple Teaching award for undergraduate instruction and received a community service award from the Families for Effective Autism Treatment.

McIntyre has served as nationally elected president for two professional organizations, including the American Psychological Association's Division on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities and the American Association for Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities. She has held key editorial positions for several flagship journals in her field.

Laura Lee McIntyre received a B.A. in Developmental Psychology from La Sierra University, a master's degree in Special Education from University of California-Riverside, and a Ph.D. in School Psychology from the University of California-Riverside. She has held faculty positions at Syracuse University, SUNY Upstate Medical University, and the University of Oregon.

East Lansing/ Michigan

Michigan State is in East Lansing, a vibrant college town just three miles from Michigan's capital, Lansing, the hard-working heart of Michigan.

The area offers a multitude of things to do, see, and experience, from art galleries, concerts, and restaurants to gardens, parks, and trails. And you do not have to venture far to discover Michigan's sandy beaches, ski slopes, and metropolitan life.

As the seasons change, so does Michigan State University. From vibrant fall color to blankets of fresh snow to spring blossoms on MSU's sprawling park-like campus, you will never tire of the scenery.

[Discover more about Michigan](#)

[Learn more about East Lansing](#)



Procedure for Candidacy

All applications, nominations, and inquiries are invited. Applications should include, as separate documents, a CV or resume and a letter of interest that addresses the themes outlined in this profile and how your experience has aligned with [COE's core values](#).

WittKieffer is assisting Michigan State University in this search. For fullest consideration, candidate materials should be received by March 9, 2026.

Nominations, inquiries, and applications can be directed to:

Jessica Herrington, Suzanne Teer, and Natalie Song at

MSUEngineeringDean@WittKieffer.com

As an institution of higher learning, Michigan State University is committed to providing a safe environment for its students, faculty, and staff in support of its educational mission. With this commitment, the University will conduct a professional misconduct review of individuals seeking employment in Academic Management (i.e. Deans) and Executive Management searches.

All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, citizenship, age, disability, or protected veteran status.



