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Executive Summary

Nova Southeastern University (NSU), a private Carnegie R1 Research University experiencing great momentum in research and scholarship, invites inquiries, nominations, and applications for the position of dean of the Shepard Broad College of Law.

The dean of the Shepard Broad College of Law (referred to as NSU Law) will be a motivating, broad-minded leader and legal professional who will inspire the college's faculty and staff to model NSU's Core Values with an emphasis on student centeredness.

The dean will play a pivotal role in fundraising efforts, focusing on securing financial support for scholarships and enhancing the college's programs and initiatives. In addition, the dean will lead the strategic planning process for NSU Law, setting long-term goals and priorities that align with the university's mission and vision. This includes identifying opportunities for growth, innovation, and improvement in all aspects of the college's operations. The dean will be responsible for developing and implementing strategies to improve bar passage rates, including enhancing academic support services, providing targeted bar exam preparation, and fostering a culture of excellence and accountability among students and faculty members. The dean must be adaptable to the evolving landscape of legal education, spearheading innovative programs and leveraging the strengths of NSU Law's unique offerings, such as its clinical program, LL.M. program, online master's degree programs, bachelor's degree program, and paralegal program. This position presents a significant opportunity to influence the future direction of NSU Law and make a lasting impact on its students, faculty and staff members, and the greater Broward community.

Candidates should possess demonstrated ability and experience to raise funds; improve bar passage; and manage a large, complex budget. In addition, the dean will provide leadership and strategic vision; work well in a collaborative, decision-making environment with key constituencies; and have demonstrated organizational and management skills to lead path-breaking legal education.

At minimum, applicants will possess a J.D. degree and will have an outstanding record of accomplishment in the legal academy, the practice of law, or the judiciary, demonstrating a level of intellectual leadership and accomplishment warranting appointment at the rank of professor of law. The next dean will be a successful teacher and mentor, excel at fundraising, be a proven administrator, and demonstrate commitment to student success.

Founded in 1974, NSU Law is located on the university's campus in Davie, Florida. The school is named after lawyer and philanthropist Shepard Broad in recognition of his counsel, community leadership, and financial support. NSU Law is a premier learning community focused on what students need to practice law in the complex, modern workplace. With degree and certificate programs for law students, paralegals, practicing lawyers, and professionals expanding their knowledge of law, NSU Law equips all students with skills needed for professional success—today, tomorrow, and for decades to come. NSU Law brings students the very best legal education available from a group of faculty members, mentors, and clinical supervisors dedicated to seeing students flourish as part of the legal community.

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 Dean, Shepard Broad College of Law

Reporting directly to the provost and chief academic officer and working closely with Nova Southeastern University's president and the university's senior leadership team, the dean serves as the chief executive, academic leader, and fundraiser of NSU Law. The dean works closely with a body of 44 faculty members and 52 staff members. The dean will contribute expertise, energy, and visionary leadership to a college that has a strong reputation in the Broward community. The new dean will be a strong advocate for the College of Law's interests within the larger university and lead NSU Law to fulfill its mission, exemplify academic excellence, and equipping lawyers with the skills they need for professional success.

The dean of NSU Law directs and oversees the operations of the College of Law, ensuring alignment with the university's mission and its recognition as a Carnegie R1 Research University. This role involves developing, recommending, justifying, and managing budgets while providing leadership and vision to maintain high standards, academic excellence, and integrity. The dean supports innovative and effective programs that promote student success and satisfaction. A key aspect of this leadership is to encourage faculty research, grant writing, the teacher-scholar model, and experiential learning by developing physical resources for teaching and research. Collaboration with enrollment is essential for recruiting students and marketing programs effectively, while monitoring enrollment and retention rates to create a supportive learning environment. The dean will continue to support initiatives to increase bar pass rates and identify opportunities to enhance the success and recognition of NSU Law and its programs.

The dean reviews and recommends appointments, promotions, tenure, continuous employment, termination, and salary adjustments for the college's faculty and administrative staff. The dean leads NSU Law's faculty in developing new curricula, reviewing and revising existing curricula with appropriate input, and identifying resources to support curricular needs. Ensuring compliance with accreditation standards and managing academic and philanthropic strategic initiatives in coordination with Advancement and Community Relations are key functions. The dean also manages issues related to academic policies and faculty/student issues; supports shared governance activities; and serves as a conduit for information, discussion, and problem-solving with the college's faculty and staff members, students, alumni, and the broader legal community.

Representing NSU Law to various constituencies, including students, parents, professional organizations, business and industry, and other relevant groups, is essential. The dean represents the college, ensuring a culture of safety and respect, at regional, state and national levels throughout the professional community. Creating an environment that supports integrity at all levels, identifying and implementing fundraising strategies, and actively engaging in cultivation, solicitation, and stewardship activities are crucial aspects of the role. The dean supports faculty research activities, serves on university committees and task forces, and participates in the university's overall strategic planning and decision-making.

Opportunities and Expectations for Leadership

The dean will have the opportunity to lead a dynamic institution deeply committed to student-centered learning, academic excellence, and community engagement. The new dean will be expected to address the following strategic priorities:

■ **Articulate a vision and strategic plan that will lead NSU Law into its next era of success.**

The dean will build upon the strong foundation of NSU Law by proposing initiatives to promote future success. The dean should be able to balance tradition with innovation, leading discussions on pedagogy and market demands while maintaining NSU Law's community-oriented culture. The dean will lead in reinforcing the College of Law's exceptional culture of community, integrity, support, and service. Building on the college's tradition, the next dean will lead identification of priorities for NSU Law's future that build on existing strengths and signature programs and reflect new industry and societal trends. The dean will be expected to engage all constituents—faculty, administrators and staff, students, alumni, and the college's Board of Governors—and ensure priorities are carried out. The dean will effectively communicate an exciting and compelling narrative that will inspire both internal and external constituents. The dean will provide strategic vision and operational leadership to all aspects of the academic programs, will support and encourage excellence in faculty scholarship, and maintain a highly collegial environment and community that supports the college's faculty, staff, students, and alumni.

Like all U.S. law schools, NSU Law is responding to the complex issues associated with the major changes in the legal profession and legal education, including, among others, bar passage and student success, as well as the use of technology in the practice of law and the impact of generative AI to the legal system. The faculty has been engaged in vibrant discussions on the future of legal education and seeks a dean with vision and energy who will foster innovation while preserving NSU Law's strengths. The dean must be adaptable to the evolving landscape of legal education, spearheading innovative programs and leveraging the strengths of NSU Law's unique offerings, such as its online master's degree programs, LL.M. program, bachelor's degree program, and paralegal program.

■ **Strengthen relationships and support from alumni and friends.**

The dean will play a critical role in continuing to raise the profile of NSU Law and leading its institutional advancement and fundraising initiatives. The dean must be proactive and entrepreneurial in identifying priorities for support, developing productive relationships through engagement with the legal community and donors and maintaining excellent communication with NSU Law's alumni. Additionally, the dean will play an active and visible role in leading and supporting the engagement of alumni, including those already involved in the NSU Law Alumni community, in sharing their time, talents, and financial gifts. The dean will have a remarkable opportunity to strengthen the robust relationship NSU Law shares with the Broward County Court. Many NSU Law graduates hold prestigious positions as elected officials and are esteemed attorneys and judges, many more hold senior positions within the Office of the State Attorney and the Office of Public Defender. This connection is a testament to the quality of NSU Law alumni and the impact they have on the legal community. The dean will also be effective at promoting NSU Law's reputation

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and goodwill within legal education, the legal profession, and the legal and business communities at local, state, and national levels, including with the Broward County Bar Association and the State Bar of Florida. The next dean will appreciate the role NSU Law's location plays within the larger community, being the only law school in Broward County up to Lake Okeechobee, east and west, and capitalize on the strategic location with alumni and potential donors. Furthermore, it will be important that NSU Law prepares its students for postgraduate opportunities by responding to market demands and employment trends through strategic partnerships with the legal community.

■ **Advance a strong financial model.**

These are dynamic and challenging times in legal education as a whole, and NSU Law must continue to be anticipatory and prepared. The new dean must have a high level of financial and administrative acumen to secure the financial footing of NSU Law. This new leader must ensure that financial resources are adequate and prudently managed through the development of an effective operating budget and long-term financial planning, as well as by aggressive development efforts. The dean will be nimble, transparent, and creative from an operational and business perspective.

■ **Maintain excellence and enhance the academic reputation.**

The next dean of NSU Law will bring a strategic focus on bar exam preparation and bar exam success. NSU Law is in full compliance with ABA bar passage requirements, and one of the dean's main priorities is to find ways to consistently improve student bar passage rates. It is important that the next dean lead and support administrators and faculty members in ensuring strong academic success and bar preparation programs, including support for students who are not likely to perform as well. The dean will lead the faculty by encouraging and supporting faculty scholarship, facilitating teaching excellence, cultivating collegial and constructive relations with and among the faculty, encouraging faculty service, addressing faculty issues, and ensuring that library and information resources continue to support the academic program and faculty scholarship effectively. The dean will be expected to work with the faculty to ensure students receive a legal education grounded in theory and practice that prepares them to hit the ground running and launch a successful career in the highly competitive legal marketplace upon graduation. The dean will be asked to assess the strength of current programs and help identify, with input from the faculty and staff, which programs would best serve students' needs and the practicing legal community. In addition, the dean will remain vigilant about learning outcomes and assess current and new educational tools to improve NSU Law students' learning experiences and bar passage rates.

In a competitive national and regional market, the dean will be expected to lead efforts to optimize enrollment and student retention through strengthening and marketing existing offerings, capitalizing on faculty member creativity and talent, and nourishing programs serving the Broward County area and region. At the same time, the dean will work with staff and faculty to ensure NSU Law is attracting and retaining academically strong students. The dean will engage with faculty members and the enrollment management staff to develop a strategic approach to enrollment stabilization that considers academic preparation, need for financial support, and career expectations. The dean will develop a multiyear plan to achieve a sustainable enrollment of students to support the goals and aspirations of NSU Law.

Professional Qualifications and Personal Qualities

The new dean will be a dynamic legal professional with a clear vision and strategy to promote NSU Law's future success. The dean will have a genuine and deep understanding of, and engagement with, the culture of NSU Law and its supportive and collaborative ethos. The ideal candidates will be collaborative leaders with distinguished records of academic achievement or outstanding professional accomplishment. Candidates will, at minimum, possess a J.D. degree and will have an outstanding record of accomplishment in the legal academy, the practice of law, or the judiciary, demonstrating a level of intellectual leadership and accomplishment warranting appointment at the rank of professor of law. The dean will be a successful teacher and mentor, excel at fundraising, be a proven administrator, and demonstrate commitment to student success.

In addition, the dean will demonstrate

- a deep appreciation for the legal profession and academic excellence
- excellent fundraising skills
- a commitment to implementing concrete strategies for improving bar passage
- the capacity for administrative and collaborative leadership
- a track record of consensus building
- demonstrated excellent communication skills and emotional intelligence
- visionary leadership with an entrepreneurial approach to legal education
- interpersonal skills
- the ability to facilitate public debate and discourse
- a respect for, and ability to mobilize, a community that values shared governance
- a commitment to student support and success
- an ability to communicate a vision for NSU Law and to advocate for its interests, both within the university and to those outside of it



About NSU's Shepard Broad College of Law

Overview

Founded in 1974, Shepard Broad College of Law is the law school of NSU. It is located on the university's Fort Lauderdale/Davie Campus in South Florida. The school is named after lawyer and philanthropist Shepard Broad, in recognition of his counsel, community leadership, and financial support. The college is a premier learning community focused on what students need to practice law in the complex, modern workplace. With degree and certificate programs for law students, paralegals, practicing lawyers, and professionals expanding their knowledge of law, NSU Law equips all students with skills needed for professional success—today, tomorrow, and for decades to come.

From day one, students learn the day-to-day realities of the legal profession. The Legal Research and Writing Program integrates practice, professionalism, and the latest technology with legal theory. The unique Critical Skills Program prepares students for the transition from layperson to law student to practicing lawyer, focusing on effective legal study techniques, analytical and written bar exam skills, and the work of a real lawyer in the real world. With a wireless environment, laptop computers, and interactive digital video technology, NSU Law has consistently been recognized as one of the most technologically advanced law schools in the country.

The college provides students with the very best in legal education. A group of dedicated faculty members, mentors, and clinical supervisors is committed to seeing students flourish as part of the legal community. NSU Law is ranked 1st in Florida and 41st in the nation for Health Law by *U.S. News & World Report*. It is also ranked 2nd in Florida and 8th in the nation for Legal Research and Writing, as well as 31st in the nation for Trial Advocacy, both by *U.S. News & World Report*.

Mission

Ensure that students develop the knowledge, skills, and values that are at the heart of becoming trusted, highly adept, professional lawyers who are respected for serving clients, their communities, and justice.

Values

We believe and model

- respect for the law and the importance of lawyers in a free society
- equitable access to education
- excellence in teaching that serves the students and their learning needs
- high standards of ethics and professionalism
- evolution of the competencies lawyers need in an ever-changing world
- support of successful entry and advancement in the bar and other professions
- assumption of leadership roles and service to the community



Curriculum and Special Academic/Professional Programming

NSU Law offers a rigorous traditional academic program available in three-year day and four-year evening versions, designed to prepare graduates for seamless transitions into professional legal environments. The curriculum includes a comprehensive, four-semester Legal Research and Writing (LRW) sequence that integrates traditional legal reasoning, writing, and research with practical skills, such as interviewing, counseling, negotiating, and mediating in a simulated law firm setting.

Clinical education is a cornerstone of the NSU Law experience, with every eligible student having the opportunity to participate in one of seven clinical programs. These programs provide hands-on experience under the mentorship of seasoned professionals, allowing students to represent clients in various settings, including clinics, government agencies, and private law offices. Additionally, NSU Law offers international, dual-degree opportunities in partnership with the University of Barcelona, enabling students to study both common law and civil law and qualify for bar admission in both Spain and the United States. Joint degree programs are also available, allowing students to earn a second graduate degree in a complementary discipline within a compressed time frame. The College of Law further enhances practical learning through its award-winning pro bono service program and various internship and workshop programs, including judicial internships, mediation, street law, consumer protection, and dependency workshops.

Faculty

An integral part of NSU Law are its faculty members, who serve as true mentors and role models, challenging and inspiring students. NSU Law professors have a long tradition of teaching excellence. The faculty's open-door policy is enhanced by our sophisticated, wireless communications system and pioneering laptop program. Limits on the size of first-year sections result in more individualized feedback. The faculty's expertise is reflected in rich classroom discussions and a wide range of scholarly publications and professional service. Their expertise and competence in both established and emerging areas of law bridge the gap between tradition and evolution in the legal profession. Many faculty members are nationally recognized legal experts in their fields, having published books and articles in prominent law journals across the country. They remain actively involved in practice, whether arguing cases before the Supreme Court or serving as counsel to government entities and large corporations. With years of experience at the bar and bench, these professors bring valuable insights to the classroom, significantly impacting the education and lives of students while influencing national and international legal opinions. Through open-door policies, coaching advocacy teams, advising student organizations, and providing various opportunities for success, the college's faculty and staff support students' successful entry and advancement in the bar and other professions. Additionally, faculty members are engaged outside the College of Law in national, regional, and local bar associations and various civic projects and organizations, offering students a balance between academic excellence, professionalism, community involvement, and relevance in a changing legal profession.





Library and Physical Facilities

Nova Southeastern University has been a technology pioneer for more than a decade. NSU Law installed the first wireless system in a law school in 1996 and was the first US law school to provide totally wireless access to all faculty, staff, and students. NSU Law leads the way in the use of technology in legal education.

The Law Library's extensive holdings include special collections in tax, criminal law, law and popular culture, admiralty, and international law. With over 340,000 volume/volume equivalents, the Law Library provides access to primary and secondary sources of US law as well as case-finding and updating tools. The Law Library and Technology Center is designated as a United Nations depository and as a depository for US and Florida government documents.

Leo Goodwin Sr. Hall, which houses the College of Law, has two courtrooms used by students in the school's trial advocacy and moot court programs as well as by the National Institute for Trial Advocacy and state appellate court judges.

Student Activities

The College of Law is home to three significant publications: the Nova Law Review, the Journal of International and Comparative Law, and the International Citator and Research Project. The Moot Court Society sponsors intramural competitions. Members of the society compete in major national events. The Association of Trial Lawyers of America and other student advocacy groups field teams in competitions around the country.

Students shape the life of the College of Law through their involvement in a wide range of service organizations and social clubs. Extremely active groups include the Asian Pacific American Law Students Association, Black Law Students Association, Jewish Law Students Association, Hispanic Law Student Association, Lambda, Student Bar Association, Florida Association for Women Lawyers, National Association for Public Interest Law, International Law Society, Native American Law Students Association, and a variety of practice specialty and sports clubs. Students also guide chapters of national legal fraternities, participate with lawyers and judges in the Inns of Court, and serve on faculty committees.

Innovation at NSU Law

NSU helps reshape the future of legal education through seven transformative initiatives. Innovation is at the heart of NSU Law. Every aspect of the law school program has been reassessed and updated to ensure the best strategies are available to bring high-quality, high-value legal education to our students, and top-quality legal services to the clients the law school serves. “We’re here for you,” connotes far more than our commitment to classroom success; our commitment starts with innovative design and implementation.

Key Areas of Innovation from a Recent Association of American Law School Program

- Experiential Education
- International Education
- Joint/Dual-Degree Programs
- Business and Technology Education
- Non-J.D. Education
- Incubator Programs and Post-J.D. Education
- Technology and Start-Up Laboratory Programs

Experiential Education—Direct, Hands-On Experience: The Cornerstone of the NSU Law Education

- NSU Law guarantees every student a live-client experience through an in-house clinic or field placement.
- NSU Law recently completed a multimillion-dollar, award-winning renovation to its building and live-client legal clinic, providing state-of-the-art facilities and technology mirroring the best practices in law firm management.
- NSU Law has added the Sharon and Mitchell W. Berger Entrepreneur Law Clinic for direct representation of start-ups, entrepreneurs, research scientists, and student inventors.
- NSU Law recently received a \$2-million grant from the Taft Foundation to expand services provided by its in-house disability rights clinic.
- NSU Law operates a global field placement program, offering live-client experiences in civil, criminal, bankruptcy, and judicial practices, which can place students across the U.S. and abroad.
- NSU Law’s extensive workshop program offers nearly three dozen courses that meet the experiential learning requirement as simulation courses.

International Education

- NSU Law offers an accelerated J.D. program for lawyers with a first law degree from another country and comprehensive support from the law school’s International Students Office to support their transition to the U.S.
- NSU Law’s international consortium includes more than two dozen partner schools, and holds an annual conference at NSU focusing on legal education pedagogy and teacher training.

- J.D. students may earn dual degrees with European University of Barcelona, Spain; Roma Tre University, Rome, Italy; or Charles University, Prague, Czech Republic.
- The programs in Spain and Italy are J.D.-equivalent degrees, while the program in the Czech Republic results in an LL.M. Students may also participate in semester exchange programs in Spain, Italy, and the Czech Republic.
- Semester-abroad programs include Israel and Great Britain.

Joint/Dual-Degree Programs and Interdisciplinary Education

- J.D. students may earn dual degrees in such disciplines as accounting, business administration, computer and information science, conflict analysis and resolution, osteopathic medicine, tax, or public health, as well as through individualized plans.
- NSU Law has updated its academic regulations to simplify and accelerate dual-degree opportunities with other NSU schools and colleges.
- NSU Law offers a 3+3 admissions program with seven of the NSU undergraduate programs.

Business and Technology Education

- The college offers the NSU Law Leadership Academy, a specialized program focusing on the “business of lawyering,” with courses including Business Operations for Lawyers, Strategic Business Planning for Lawyers, and Law Practice Business and Technology Workshop, a curriculum designed to teach the complex and rapidly changing legal services industry.
- Select partnerships with NSU’s health colleges and other schools encourage law faculty members to provide non-curriculum lectures and offerings.
- Additional opportunities exist to provide non-curriculum lectures and offerings from these and other schools to law students and law alumni.

Non-J.D. Education

- NSU Law has become one of the largest programs providing non-lawyer education with programs offering B.S., M.S., and LL.M. degrees, as well as paralegal programs. The B.S. in Law program is the fastest-growing degree program in the law school.
- There are four online Master of Science degrees for non-lawyers: M.S. in Health Law, M.S. in Education Law, M.S. in Employment Law, and M.S. in Law and Policy.
- The M.S. programs have multiple concentrations, including cybersecurity law, risk management, regulatory compliance, health care administrative law, employee relations law, and human resource managerial law.
- The non-J.D. programs are staffed by NSU Law with full-time faculty members and practicing attorneys, providing a robust legal and professional education to the working professionals seeking to expand their understanding of how law impacts their profession.

Incubator Programs and Post-J.D. Education

- NSU Law operates Florida's only post-J.D. incubator for recent graduates. Integrated with the NSU Law Clinics, incubator participants receive professional space support; ongoing training on the launch and development of a private law practice; and the experience of providing supervised, pro bono services to veterans or other clients of the college's clinics.
- The Law Center Plus program provides monthly, no-cost CLE offerings for recent graduates.

Technology and Start-Up Laboratory Programs

- NSU Law provides a number of courses addressing the intersection of law and technology.
- The NSU Center for Collaborative Research is a 215,000-square-foot facility providing a home for translational research.
- NSU Law is a steering committee member for the Florida Patent Pro Bono Project.
- NSU Law uses online tools to supplement its courses, including a comprehensive web portal, new course recording tools, smart courtrooms, and many other technologies to assure students learn a modern, efficient model of practicing law.

NSU Law is not standing still. Today, the college continues its innovative tradition as one of the first law schools to offer clinical education, the most-wired campus, and first non-J.D. program in Florida. The innovations at NSU Law are designed to anticipate the shifts in the delivery of legal services by better preparing graduates to provide more efficient and cost-effective delivery of legal services, thereby expanding access to these services in both the domestic and international market.





Fast Facts

- J.D. Full-Time Program: A full-time, three-year degree with a dynamic, global network, including semester and summer study-abroad programs
- J.D. Part-Time Program: A robust, four-year degree with evening and daytime tracks to make law school available to students with work and other demands
- Foreign Lawyers Accelerated J.D.: A unique, two-year track for non-U.S. attorneys to earn a fully recognized J.D., available to students with work and other demands
- Dual Degrees: Courses and degrees in business, medicine, oceanography, and many more programs to complement students' legal education
- J.D. Concentrations: Concentrations available in health law; international law; and intellectual property, technology, and cybersecurity law
- LL.M. for Attorneys in the U.S. and Abroad: One-year, full-time or two-year part-time options through online, hybrid, or on-campus options
- Master of Science for Non-Lawyers: Innovative online master's degrees in education law, employment law, health law, and law and policy
- Paralegal Certificate: One-year certificate for professional recognition with on-campus and online options
- Undergraduate Major and Minor: Opportunities for undergraduates to participate in a B.S. in paralegal studies, a minor, or other areas where law complements and enhances undergraduate education

For the class entering in 2024, NSU Law admitted 56.61 percent of applications. Of these, 28.05 percent matriculated. The school's median LSAT score is 153, while the median GPA is 3.52.



Nova Southeastern University

Overview

Nova Southeastern University (NSU) is a top-ranked, private, national research university that provides high-quality professional educational and research programs at the undergraduate, graduate, and professional/doctoral degree levels. Established in 1964 as a small college with some revolutionary ideas, today, NSU includes 15 academic units on its beautiful, 314-acre Fort Lauderdale/Davie Campus, and 10 additional campus locations in the U.S. and around the world. Its 150 academic degree programs give students the edge they need to become confident, capable, and caring professionals who can outsmart, outperform, and outlast their competition.

With 216,000+ alumni across the nation and globe, the reach of the NSU community is worldwide. Classified as an R1 “high research activity” institution by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching, NSU is 1 of only 59 doctoral-high research universities nationwide to also be awarded Carnegie’s Community Engagement Classification. It is also the largest private, not-for-profit institution in the United States that meets the U.S. Department of Education’s criteria as a Hispanic-serving institution.

More information about the university may be found at nova.edu.

History

Nova Southeastern University was founded in 1964 as Nova University of Advanced Technology, a graduate research institution rooted in the physical and social sciences. Initially located in downtown Fort Lauderdale, the university later moved to the former site of Forman Field—a World War II auxiliary airfield in Davie that had been returned to the community to be used for educational purposes.

Over time, programs were added in law, education, business, psychology, engineering and computing, and oceanography, and the university has become nationally recognized for its innovative [distance education](#) programs. Today, field-based programs are located on regional campuses throughout Florida, across the country, and at selected international sites.

In 1994, Nova University merged with Southeastern University of the Health Sciences—which had added colleges of pharmacy, optometry, allied health, medical sciences, and dental medicine—to form Nova Southeastern University. And it didn't stop there. Through five decades of explosive growth, NSU's reputation for academic excellence and innovation continues to flourish.

Mission

The mission of Nova Southeastern University—a selective, doctoral research university—is to deliver leading academic programs in a dynamic, innovative environment. We foster academic excellence, leadership, integrity, and scientific, economic, and community contributions through engaging and empowering our students, faculty, staff, alumni, and partners.

Vision

Enhance Nova Southeastern University's reputation as a leading professional-dominant, doctoral research university providing competitive career advantages to our students and fostering alumni and partnership connections.

Academics-Colleges and Schools

Today, Nova Southeastern University is an accredited, coeducational institution providing educational programs from preschool through the professional and doctoral levels. The institution awards certificates, bachelor's, master's, specialist, doctoral, and first-professional degrees in a wide range of fields. In 2018, NSU admitted the first class of the Dr. Kiran C. Patel College of Allopathic Medicine (M.D. program). NSU is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges. NSU's academic units are as follows:

- Abraham S. Fischler College of Education and School of Criminal Justice
- Barry and Judy Silverman College of Pharmacy
- College of Computing and Engineering
- College of Dental Medicine
- College of Optometry
- College of Psychology
- Dr. Kiran C. Patel College of Allopathic Medicine
- Dr. Kiran C. Patel College of Osteopathic Medicine
- Dr. Pallavi Patel College of Health Care Sciences
- Farquhar Honors College
- H. Wayne Huizenga College of Business and Entrepreneurship
- Halmos College of Arts and Sciences and the Guy Harvey Oceanographic Research Center
- Ron and Kathy Assaf College of Nursing
- Shepard Broad College of Law
- University School (JK-12 College Preparatory School)

Research

Nova Southeastern University, the state's largest private research university, has received an R1 research designation by the Carnegie Classification of Institutions of Higher Education. The university's specialized research facilities fuel creativity and innovation.

NSU scientists collaborate on cutting-edge projects that address global issues and shape the future. With access to advanced and innovative technologies, they foster solutions in health care and biotechnology, as well as in environmental, life, and social sciences. They are leading hundreds of basic, applied, and clinical research projects to improve patient care, make new drug discoveries, reduce mental health disorders, and examine the forces that affect our oceans.

Highlights Include

- three research institutes focusing on cancer prevention and treatment
- more than \$167 million university-wide sponsored funding
- 250+ sponsored research projects addressing critical areas, such as anticancer therapies, chronic fatigue syndrome, coral reef restoration, stem cells, shark DNA forensics, and more
- research being supported by 100+ external agencies, including the National Science Foundation, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, National Institutes of Health, U.S. Department of Education, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and Department of Defense
- 1 of 59 universities nationwide recognized by the Carnegie Foundation for both High Research Activity and Community Engagement.

More about NSU's research programs can be found [here](#).



NSU's Alvin Sherman Library, Research, and Information Technology Center

Campuses

Nova Southeastern University operates the Fort Lauderdale/Davie Campus and the Oceanographic Campus in Hollywood/Dania Beach. The university also has campuses in San Juan, Puerto Rico, and Denver, Colorado, as well as throughout Florida in Fort Myers, Jacksonville, Miami (Kendall), Miramar, Orlando, Palm Beach, and Tampa Bay. In August 2019, NSU opened its new Tampa Bay Regional Campus in Clearwater, featuring a more-than-300,000-square-foot, state-of-the-art facility. An additional site for NSU's Dr. Kiran C. Patel College of Osteopathic Medicine is located on that campus.

The Fort Lauderdale/Davie Campus is located on a 314-acre site, 10 miles inland from the Atlantic Ocean and readily accessible via several highways and Florida's Turnpike. That campus is the central location for most of NSU's colleges, with state-of-the-art classrooms, laboratories, patient-simulation facilities, auditoriums, and computer centers. NSU's campus expansion added new educational facilities, athletic venues, residence halls, and performing arts theaters. In 2003, the university dedicated the 110,000-square-foot Jim & Jan Moran Family Center Village, a model for early education programs across the country. It also dedicated the Carl DeSantis Building, the 261,000-square-foot home of the H. Wayne Huizenga College of Business and Entrepreneurship and the College of Computing and Engineering. Additionally, NSU's Fort Lauderdale/Davie Campus is home to the Rose and Alfred Miniaci Performing Arts Center and the Alvin Sherman Library, Research, and Information Technology Center, which serves the university and the residents of Broward County in a unique private-public partnership.

NSU's Guy Harvey Oceanographic Center Building opened in 2012 on the Oceanographic Campus as one of the largest facilities in the United States dedicated to research and the conservation of marine life. Westside Regional Medical Center Emergency Room opened on NSU's Fort Lauderdale/Davie Campus in summer 2015. The NSU Art Museum Fort Lauderdale, located in downtown Fort Lauderdale, boasts a permanent collection of more than 6,000 works, visual arts exhibits, arts curriculum, and educational programs.

NSU's library system, composed of the Alvin Sherman Library, the Martin and Gail Press Health Professions Division Library, the Panza Maurer Law Library, the William S. Richardson Ocean Sciences Library, and four junior kindergarten-12 school libraries contribute to NSU's strong academic research environment.

In 2006, the university opened the Don Taft University Center, a 366,000-square-foot recreation, athletic, and arts complex at the Fort Lauderdale/Davie Campus. The center is home to a multipurpose, 4,500-seat arena; studios; The Flight Deck Pub; a state-of-the-art gym; a food court; and a performing and visual arts wing. The wing houses the Halmos College of Arts and Sciences' Department of Performing and Visual Arts. It includes the intimate Black Box Theatre, an art gallery, the Performance Theatre, and additional rooms supporting theater, music, art, dance, and other creative activities.

Opened in September 2016, NSU's Center for Collaborative Research (CCR) is one of the largest and most advanced research facilities in Florida. The CCR provides wet and dry labs for NSU's innovative researchers, the General Clinical Research Center, an outpatient facility, a technology incubator offering partnerships with innovative companies, and the NSU Cell Therapy Institute. The CCR also houses the NSU Institute for Neuro-Immune Medicine; NSU Rumbaugh-Goodwin Institute for Cancer Research; NSU Emil Buehler Research Center for Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics; NSU AutoNation Institute for Breast Cancer Research and Care; NSU Institute for Natural and Ocean Sciences Research; and U.S. Geological Survey, which partners with NSU on collaborative research.

Campuses (continued)

Six residential living areas at the Fort Lauderdale/Davie Campus serve undergraduate students, including Mako Residence Hall, a modern, newly constructed 608-bed residence hall. The recently renovated Noël P. Brown Sports Center has a state-of-the-art fitness center, two full-sized basketball courts, a volleyball court, and areas for physical fitness activities and programming. For a full overview of NSU's campuses and facilities, refer to the Fact Book at nova.edu/publications/factbook.



Center for Collaborative Research



Guy Harvey Oceanographics Center



Mako Residence Hall



Noël P. Brown Sports Center

Leadership

Harry K. Moon, M.D., FACS, FRCSEd, President, Chief Executive Officer



Harry K. Moon is the seventh president and chief executive officer of Nova Southeastern University. He had been NSU's executive vice president and chief operating officer since 2018 and led the integration of the university's clinical practices to create NSU Health, a university-affiliated, integrated health care network.

Moon also reorganized the graduate admissions and student service organizations and led building and acquisitions that totaled more than one million square feet. He led the COVID Response Team through the university's rapid transition to fully online learning during the pandemic, enabling NSU to sustain and increase enrollment.

A distinguished and internationally recognized plastic and reconstructive surgeon, he is the founder and president of Himmarshee Surgical Partners of Fort Lauderdale, Florida. Moon has been a clinical associate professor of surgery in NSU's Dr. Kiran C. Patel College of Osteopathic Medicine since 2008. He was appointed professor of anatomy in NSU's Dr. Pallavi Patel College of Health Care Sciences in 2024.

Ronald J. Chenail, Ph.D., Executive Vice President, Provost, and Chief Academic Officer; Interim Dean, Shepard Broad College of Law



Ronald J. Chenail, Ph.D., has served as NSU's executive vice president, provost, and chief academic officer since 2020, after serving in the role on an interim basis. He also previously served as associate provost. Chenail holds an appointment as professor of family therapy in NSU's Dr. Kiran C. Patel College of Osteopathic Medicine. He is also the interim dean of NSU's Shepard Broad College of Law.

Chenail has held numerous administrative positions at NSU, including vice president for Institutional Effectiveness; vice president for Research, Planning, and Governmental Affairs; assistant to the president for academic affairs; dean, School of Social and Systemic Studies; and interim dean of the Center for Psychological Studies, the Abraham S. Fischler College of Education, and the College of Computing and Engineering.

He is co-editor in chief of *The Qualitative Report*, the world's first multidisciplinary, online, open-access journal dedicated to qualitative research, which he founded in 1990. Previously, he served as editor in chief of the *Journal of Marital and Family Therapy (JMFT)*, the flagship research journal of the American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy (AAMFT); editor in chief of the *Journal of Divorce and Remarriage*; and an associate editor of *Family Business Review*. In addition, he is an editorial board member of *Qualitative Research in Psychology*; *American Journal of Family Therapy*; *Contemporary Family Therapy*; *Qualitative Social Work*; *Counseling, Psychotherapy, and Health*; and *JMFT*; as well as a founding editorial board member of *Qualitative Inquiry*.

His 140 publications, including nine books, have been cited 8,300+ times. He has also given more than 200 formal academic presentations at conferences and meetings in family therapy, qualitative research, conflict resolution, and higher education.

Chenail earned his B.A. in History from St. Bonaventure University, his M.Ed. in Educational Psychology Counseling from the University of Houston, and his Ph.D. in Family Therapy from Nova University.

Davie, Florida

The town of Davie is home to 108,388+ residents who live across approximately 34.9 square miles within central Broward. The town's rural atmosphere, western-themed district, and sprawling educational complex foster an environment that separates Davie from all other municipalities in Broward County. Green, open spaces, numerous parks, and more than 165 miles of trail system, along with the opportunity to live an equestrian lifestyle, are amenities that you just can't find in today's growing South Florida.



Davie is part of Broward County, which has a population close to two million, and is in close proximity to Fort Lauderdale. This proximity provides access to luxury hotels, museums, nightlife, shopping, casinos, vibrant neighborhoods, and boating.

The town of Davie is also the nexus of higher education in South Florida, where several nationally known colleges, technical institutes, and universities make up the South Florida Educational Center.

Davie's business climate ranges from your typical small proprietor to the headquarters of Fortune 500 firms such as Andrx Pharmaceuticals. Davie is ideally located among major thoroughfares, such as the Ronald Reagan Turnpike, I-595, and I-75, and is within a few minutes' travel to the Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport and Florida's deepest port, Port Everglades.

Points of Interest Near Davie

- **Flamingo Gardens:** A 60-acre botanical garden and wildlife sanctuary, home to 3,000+ species of plants and various native Florida wildlife.
- **Tree Tops Park:** A beautiful, 23-acre park featuring playgrounds, picnic areas, nature and equestrian trails, and the Joe DiMaggio Safety Village.
- **Young at Art Museum:** An interactive museum offering art exhibits and educational programs for children and families.
- **Vista View Park:** A park known for its scenic views offering trails, picnic areas, and a playground
- **Old Davie School Historical Museum:** A museum preserving the history of Davie and its early settlers.

Just a short drive from NSU

- **North:** Walt Disney World and Orlando's theme parks (3 hours)
- **South:** Miami's South Beach (45 minutes) and the Florida Keys (3 hours)
- **East:** Fort Lauderdale Beach (15 minutes)
- **West:** The Everglades (15 minutes)

For more information visit davie-fl.gov/31/Community or visitlauderdale.com.



Procedure for Candidacy

All applications, nominations and inquiries are invited. Applications should include, as separate documents, a CV or résumé and a letter of interest addressing the themes in this profile.

WittKieffer is assisting Nova Southeastern University in this search. For fullest consideration, candidate materials should be received by May 5, 2025.

Application materials should be submitted using WittKieffer's [candidate portal](#).

Nominations and inquiries can be directed to

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