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Provost and Executive Vice President
New York Institute of Technology
Old Westbury, New York

THE SEARCH

New York Institute of Technology (New York Tech) seeks a strategic, collaborative, and forward-thinking academic leader to serve as its next Provost and Executive Vice President (Provost). Reporting directly to the President and serving as a key member of the senior leadership team, the Provost is the university's chief academic officer, responsible for overseeing academic operations, long-range planning, support of research, and the implementation of programs that advance New York Tech's mission. This role as the institution's academic leader and strategic partner with the President includes direct supervision of academic affairs, including student engagement and development, and serves as a vital conduit between faculty and administration with a strong focus on student success.

New York Tech is a private non-profit university with 3,355 undergraduate and 4,474 graduate and professional degree students spanning six schools and colleges, including engineering, medicine, architecture, health professions, business and arts and sciences. Over the course of its history, NYIT has gained a positive reputation for its focus on technology and innovation, outstanding and varied academic programs and a commitment to student success.

The Provost will play a central role in driving enrollment growth and expanding New York Tech's academic reach, building off the momentum that has seen the institution evolve to maximize its impact in pursuit of its mission to give all qualified students access to opportunity and prepare them for successful careers. With campuses in New York City, Old Westbury, New York; Arkansas; Vancouver; and China, the university offers a distinctive platform for delivering high-impact, career-oriented education. The Provost will be charged with developing innovative academic programs and modalities that respond to market demand, strengthening student support systems, and enhancing New York Tech's visibility to prospective students.

Given the institution's reliance on tuition revenue and the challenges posed by declining international enrollment, the Provost must bring creativity, data-informed strategy, and collaborative leadership to this critical role.

In addition, the Provost will support the continued momentum of New York Tech's research enterprise as the university advances toward its goal of Carnegie R2 classification. Working closely with the Vice Provost for Research and other senior leaders, the Provost will help expand interdisciplinary research initiatives, guide the development of new PhD programs, and steward investments in cutting-edge facilities such as the Biomedical Research, Innovation, and Imaging Center (BRIIC). This role will be instrumental in elevating research productivity, increasing sponsored funding, and positioning New York Tech as a leader in applied research that benefits society.

The Provost will also serve as a key advocate for faculty, fostering a culture of shared governance, transparency, and academic excellence. The faculty are represented by the American Association of University Professors (AAUP), except for the medical school faculty, who are not represented by a union. The Provost will lead contract negotiations with the faculty union and work collaboratively with union representatives to support and elevate faculty across the institution. The successful candidate will bring experience navigating complex labor environments and demonstrate the ability to build productive relationships grounded in mutual respect and institutional priorities.

Finally, the Provost will champion a student-centered approach to academic success, aligning institutional resources to meet the evolving needs of New York Tech's diverse student population. With a strong foundation in experiential learning and career readiness, the Provost will lead efforts to improve retention and graduation rates, support faculty in innovative teaching practices, and ensure students are equipped with the skills and experiences necessary for long-term success. This is a rare opportunity to shape the academic future of a university committed to innovation, impact, and student achievement.

The Provost and Executive Vice President will have offices on both the Old Westbury, Long Island and the New York City (NYC) campuses, and may choose to be primarily located on either campus.

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ABOUT NEW YORK TECH

New York Institute of Technology's identity is shaped by its legacy and commitment to technology, entrepreneurship, careers, and applied research. Since its founding in 1955, the university has focused on future-oriented curricular and co-curricular programs, research, and global strategies, with a strong tradition of innovation. Its Computer Graphics Laboratory, opened in 1974, contributed to the creation of Pixar Animation Studios. New York Tech established its first international program in China in 1998, installed the East Coast's fastest broadband in 2002, and received federal funding for a cybersecurity lab,

which serves as a catalyst for advancements in innovation, engineering, and technology to safeguard information and infrastructure.

The university offers more than 90 technology-focused degree programs designed to meet evolving market demands, equipping nearly 8,000 students from 72 countries and 40 states with the skills needed to excel as physicians, architects, scientists, engineers, business leaders, digital artists, healthcare professionals, and more. New York Tech's mission since 1955 has been to provide career-oriented professional education, ensure access to opportunity for all qualified students, and support impactful research and scholarship.

The institution is committed to educating the next generation of leaders, fostering entrepreneurship, and driving innovation. This commitment to access and affordability is central to New York Tech's mission and a key driver of social mobility. Approximately one quarter of New York Tech students identify as first-generation college students and more than 30 percent of students are eligible for federal need-based Pell Grants. The university's [ranking](#) as a Top Performer in Social Mobility places it among the top 10% of U.S. colleges for return on investment over 20, 30, and 40 years.

New York Tech operates multiple campuses offering distinct advantages: the Long Island campus includes programs from all six schools and colleges, including the medical and health professions programs. It provides a suburban campus with rich academic and athletic facilities just an hour from New York City; the NYC campus, which includes all programs except for the medical and health professions, immerses students in the heart of Manhattan's vibrant cultural and economic landscape; the Arkansas campus is an additional location of the medical school and focuses on training physicians to serve medically underserved regions; and the Vancouver campus emphasizes innovation and sustainability within a globally admired city. Additionally, longstanding partnerships in China enable the delivery of MBA and Executive MBA programs.

New York Tech's focus on innovation and entrepreneurship is evident in the goals of its [Innovation in Action](#) strategic plan as well as recent developments to harness the creativity and innovation of its people. Chief among these was the creation of the [Innovation and Entrepreneurship Academy](#) this fall and a \$5 million capital investment fund to ignite the next round of groundbreaking startups.

Academics and Research

New York Tech's six schools and colleges collectively offer more than 90 degree programs across nearly 50 fields of study. The programs are experiential and career oriented with ample opportunity for internships, civic engagement, and student research. These programs are available across multiple campuses. For detailed information, visit <https://www.nyit.edu/academics/>

The schools include:

- [College of Arts and Sciences](#)
- [College of Engineering and Computing Sciences](#)

- [College of Osteopathic Medicine](#)
- [School of Architecture and Design](#)
- [School of Health Professions](#)
- [School of Management](#)

New York Tech's research enterprise is deeply integrated into its institutional mission to foster innovation, interdisciplinary collaboration, and real-world impact. The university emphasizes research that addresses critical challenges in STEM, healthcare, business, architecture, and design, with a strong focus on student engagement and faculty-led discovery. The university is on a clear trajectory to an R2 Carnegie Classification and will continue to push towards that goal.

NYIT hosts a range of specialized centers and research labs, including:

- [Biomedical Research, Innovation & Imaging Center \(BRIIC\)](#) – A newly opened hub for biomedical innovation, including state of the art microscopy and MRI equipment.
- [Entrepreneurship and Technology Innovation Center \(ETIC\)](#) – Supports cybersecurity, tech incubation, and STEM curriculum development.
- [IDC Institute for Design Research and Innovation](#) – Funded by a \$1 million grant to advance architecture and design education through AI-driven exhibitions, prototyping, and cross-disciplinary collaboration.

Students

New York Tech educates nearly 8,000 students each year across its campuses with a focus on innovation and entrepreneurship. Approximately 30% of undergraduate students identify as first-generation students, representing a diverse group that comes from across the U.S. and 76 countries. In line with the university's priority on social mobility and career readiness, 94% of graduates are employed or pursuing education within six months of graduation. In a [2022 study](#) on education and the workforce, New York Tech ranked in the top 2 percent on Return on Investment for low-income students and No. 3 overall in ROI among private institutions with at least the median number of Pell-eligible students.

New York Tech offers a vibrant student experience with clubs, organizations, civic engagement, and leadership opportunities. There are also numerous [student support initiatives and resources](#) to holistically assist students during their academic tenure at New York Tech.

Leadership

Jerry Balentine, D.O. became the fifth president of New York Institute of Technology in July 2025. Prior to assuming the presidency, Dr. Balentine held a series of senior leadership roles, including chief medical officer and executive vice president of St. Barnabas Hospital and Healthcare System in the Bronx, N.Y. He joined New York Tech in 2014 as vice president for medical affairs and global health, and eventually served as provost, illustrating his deep commitment to clinical excellence and academic innovation.

Dr. Balentine earned his Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine from Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine. He completed his internship at St. Joseph's Hospital in Philadelphia and his emergency medicine residency at Lincoln Medical and Mental Health Center in the Bronx, where he also served as chief resident. He holds a bachelor's degree from McDaniel College in Westminster, Md.

Locations

Long Island

Located on Long Island's historic North Shore, [New York Tech's Long Island campus](#) in Old Westbury, NY, offers a setting rich in natural beauty alongside robust academic and athletic facilities. It is conveniently situated about an hour outside New York City. The North Shore boasts charming villages, pristine beaches, and elegant estates, while the South Shore is renowned for its vibrant beach towns and lively boardwalks. Long Island offers a diverse range of attractions, including historic lighthouses, vineyards, sprawling state parks, and bustling cities, providing a well-rounded environment that supports both academic pursuits and a high quality of life.

New York City

Located in Columbus Circle—a short walk from Lincoln Center, Central Park, and Carnegie Hall—the [NYC campus](#) immerses students in the heart of Manhattan, one of the world's most dynamic and cosmopolitan cities. As a global capital of culture, finance, media, and technology, New York City offers unparalleled energy and opportunity, providing students with access to vibrant cultural experiences, diverse industries, and extensive networking possibilities.

Jonesboro, Arkansas

NYIT [College of Osteopathic Medicine-Arkansas](#) plays a critical role in addressing significant healthcare and health education needs in one of the country's most medically underserved regions. In addition to the Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine (D.O.) program, the Arkansas campus offers a Master of Science in Biomedical Sciences and a Master of Public Health degree.

Vancouver, Canada

The [Vancouver campus](#) offers graduate degrees such as an MBA, Master of Science in Cybersecurity, and Energy Management. Situated in a city renowned for innovation, technology, and sustainability, the campus benefits from proximity to public amenities and enjoys moderate weather in one of the world's most livable cities.

China

New York Tech has maintained strong [partnerships in China](#) since the 1990s, being among the first American universities to operate there and, in 2007, opened one of the first American undergraduate campuses in Nanjing, with partner Nanjing University of Posts and Telecommunications. Today NYIT

operates programs through partnerships and dual-degree graduate and undergraduate programs with multiple Chinese universities.

ROLE OF THE PROVOST AND EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT

The Provost and Executive Vice President reports directly to the President, serving as the chief academic officer responsible for the academic operations of New York Tech, and is a key member of the President's leadership team. Together, they are responsible for long-range strategic planning and the implementation of academic programs, and in collaboration with the Vice Provost for Research, work to strengthen the institution's academic and research missions. Additionally, the Provost will directly supervise the Academic and Library deans, as well as [Student Engagement and Development](#). The Provost will serve as an advocate and conduit between faculty and administration with a focus on student success and experience. They will also lead contract negotiations with the faculty union ([AAUP](#)) and work in collaboration with union representatives to support and elevate the faculty at the institution.

KEY OPPORTUNITIES AND CHALLENGES

Drive Enrollment Growth and Expand Academic Reach

With campuses in New York and Arkansas and a global presence, New York Tech offers a distinctive platform for expanding access to high-impact, career-oriented education in fields such as engineering, health sciences, architecture, and business. The Provost will play a central role in shaping academic offerings and modalities that respond to market demand, strengthening student support systems, and enhancing the university's visibility and appeal to prospective students.

This is a pivotal moment for New York Tech to build on its momentum and reimagine its enrollment strategy for a rapidly evolving higher education landscape. Like many institutions, external pressures have led to declines in international student enrollment, but efforts to mitigate those losses have resulted in New York Tech reaching a 10-year high in enrollment of domestic students. The next Provost must bring a bold, collaborative, and creative approach to student recruitment and retention. Strategic innovation will be essential to navigating these challenges and unlocking new opportunities for institutional growth. The Provost will lead efforts to develop innovative academic programs, forge [strategic partnerships](#) with industry and community organizations, and champion experiential learning opportunities that differentiate New York Tech in a competitive market. With a strong foundation in place, the next Provost will have the opportunity to make a lasting impact on the university's trajectory and the success of its students.

Support the Momentum of the Research Enterprise

The Provost will collaborate with other senior leaders to expand New York Institute of Technology's strategic research initiatives as the university advances toward achieving Carnegie R2 classification. The Provost will support the growth of a dynamic research enterprise, including facilitating faculty and student

engagement in high-impact, interdisciplinary research and fostering collaborations across colleges and with industry partners. This role includes stewarding investments in cutting-edge facilities such as the Biomedical Research, Innovation, and Imaging Center (BRIIC), enhancing infrastructure and resources to elevate research productivity and innovation, and increasing sponsored research funding. The Provost will play a critical leadership role in positioning New York Tech as a leader in applied research that benefits society and aligns with its mission to advance scholarship and discovery.

Advance Faculty Engagement and Collaboration

The Provost will play a central role in fostering a culture of shared governance, transparency, and mutual respect, ensuring that faculty voices are meaningfully engaged in institutional decision-making. This leader will be expected to support faculty development, promote academic excellence, and strengthen the infrastructure for teaching, research, and service.

The successful candidate will bring experience navigating complex contractual environments and demonstrate the ability to build productive relationships with faculty. This is an opportunity to lead with clarity and fairness, balancing institutional priorities with a deep understanding of faculty needs and contributions.

Strengthen engagement with alumni and develop an active and supportive alumni network

The Provost will collaborate with the President and university leadership to strengthen connections with more than 116,000 New York Tech alumni worldwide. The university's focus on career preparation and social mobility has catapulted thousands of alumni into rewarding careers leading hospital systems, financial organizations, research teams, tech companies, and startups. The alumni network plays a vital role in student placement, experiential learning, and university support. As the academic leader of the university, the Provost will seek out partnerships and new degree programs that leverage this robust network to strengthen student career preparation and the New York Tech educational experience, as well as provide opportunities for continuing education and enrichment of alumni after graduation.

Enhancing Student Success

The Provost will champion a comprehensive and student-centered approach to academic success. With a strong foundation in experiential learning, career readiness, and faculty engagement, New York Tech is well-positioned to enhance already strong outcomes across its undergraduate, graduate, and professional programs. The Provost will lead efforts to strengthen advising, expand academic support services, and build on an existing culture of continuous improvement that empowers students to thrive academically and professionally. The Provost will be mindful of the unique needs of New York Tech's vibrant and diverse student population and the university's priority on social mobility. The Provost will also be a leader in developing strategies about how New York Tech responds to the evolving role of AI in education, including developing policies to ensure its ethical use to enhance and not diminish the development of students' critical thinking skills and career readiness.

The Provost has the opportunity to build on New York Tech's commitment to hands-on learning and real-world preparation by aligning institutional resources with student needs. They will collaborate across academic units to continue to improve retention and graduation rates, support faculty in innovative teaching practices, and ensure that students are equipped with the skills and experiences necessary for long-term success. With a focus on measurable impact and strategic leadership, the next Provost will play a critical role in shaping the student experience and advancing New York Tech's mission.

QUALIFICATIONS AND CHARACTERISTICS

The recruitment committee recognizes that no single candidate will embody every qualification, but it seeks individuals with a combination of the following experiences and attributes:

- A doctorate or equivalent terminal degree, along with a distinguished record of scholarship and teaching that supports a tenured appointment at the rank of full professor at New York Tech.
- A seasoned academic administrator who is accessible, empathetic, and entrepreneurial, with demonstrated success in leading change within a complex, multi-campus institution.
- Exceptional listening and communication abilities, with a commitment to transparency and engagement across diverse constituencies.
- Proven experience in budget management and a sophisticated understanding of university finances and resource allocation.
- Experience in guiding the development and execution of comprehensive strategic plans that align with institutional mission and goals.
- A deep appreciation for STEM education and a commitment to excellence across undergraduate, graduate, and professional programs.
- A nuanced understanding of sponsored research and academic scholarship, with the ability to identify and pursue innovative opportunities for funding, visibility, and impact.
- Intellectual curiosity and a broad appreciation for the diverse academic disciplines and schools that comprise the university.
- An entrepreneurial mindset and a record of fostering innovation in education, research, and the development of intellectual property.
- A confident and principled decision-maker who can navigate complex issues with integrity, while fostering trust and open dialogue.
- Experience in curriculum development, program assessment, and innovative delivery of academic programs to meet the needs of students.
- Experience fostering positive and productive relationships with faculty.
- A deep appreciation for career-focused education and supporting non-traditional students.
- A diplomatic and collegial leader who works effectively across teams, demonstrating courtesy, respect, and tact in all interactions.

COMPENSATION AND LOCATION

The salary range for this position is \$400,000 to \$475,000.

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APPLICATIONS, INQUIRIES, AND NOMINATIONS

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