



Executive Director
Magnuson Center for Entrepreneurship at Dartmouth
Hanover, New Hampshire

SEARCH SUMMARY

Dartmouth seeks a visionary and action-oriented Executive Director to shape and lead the next phase of the Magnuson Center for Entrepreneurship. Reporting to the Vice Provost for Research, this leader will oversee a materially expanded university-wide platform that brings together student entrepreneurship, faculty research translation, alumni engagement, industry engagement, and the Technology Transfer Office. Backed by substantial philanthropic and institutional investments, this next phase of Magnuson is intended to position Dartmouth as a distinctive model for entrepreneurship and research translation across The School of Arts and Sciences, the Geisel School of Medicine, the Guarini School of Graduate and Advanced Studies, the Thayer School of Engineering, and the Tuck School of Business.

Dartmouth's profile is distinctive in higher education, combining the energy, activity, and resources of a major research university with a deep commitment to the undergraduate education and to the value of the liberal arts. It enters this next phase with considerable strengths: strong student and faculty interest in entrepreneurship, an unusually engaged alumni network, a consequential research enterprise, and a meaningful record of technology commercialization and translational activity. With stable leadership and the strategic guidance of a committed Board of Advisors, since its founding Magnuson has developed exceptional programs for experiential learning, alumni engagement, and start-up support; its annual Entrepreneurs Forum is a national event. The university's Technology Transfer Office has deep expertise in intellectual property, business development, and licensing. University leadership is united in its support for converting academic discoveries into societal impact and is prepared to invest \$60 million of additional institutional and philanthropic funding.

However, our outstanding teams are not yet operating as a unified ecosystem that engages students, faculty, alumni, and commercial partners across all of our Schools. The Executive Director is being recruited to build that future state: to integrate functions, strengthen organizational capacity, and reinforce Magnuson's identity. As external innovation cycles in areas such as artificial intelligence, healthcare, and climate demand faster pathways from discovery to deployment, the new Magnuson Center will leverage Dartmouth's strong alumni network, deep portfolio of interdisciplinary research, and strategic and targeted investment to maximize the societal benefit of Dartmouth's research enterprise.

The Executive Director will lead the co-design and implementation of this collaborative entrepreneurial landscape, including its organization, programmatic portfolio, and performance metrics.

The successful candidate will be a strategic builder with the judgment to operate effectively in a complex academic setting, the credibility to partner with faculty and external stakeholders, and the executorial discipline to align people, programs, and capital around a coherent institutional strategy. This is a rare opportunity to shape the future of entrepreneurship and research translation at one of America's leading research universities.

Dartmouth has retained Isaacson, Miller to assist in this search. All inquiries, nominations, and applications should be directed in strict confidence to the firm, as indicated at the end of this document.

HISTORY OF THE MAGNUSON CENTER

Building on a foundation laid by the [Dartmouth Entrepreneurs Network](#), the [Magnuson Center for Entrepreneurship](#) was established in 2018 with a generous \$20 million gift from Allison and Rick Magnuson '79. The center has also received 26 gifts of \$1 million from a group of alumni leaders in technology, venture capital, and private equity—creating the [Dartmouth Founders Circle](#). What began as its own startup initiative has developed into a comprehensive ecosystem that supports founders and innovators at all stages, whether their work is technical, scientific, creative, or arts-based. The Center offers co-curricular education and experiential learning, startup funding resources, and networking opportunities. It also provides mentoring and internship experiences made possible through Dartmouth's world-class alumni network, all with the goal of helping aspiring entrepreneurs across the Dartmouth community navigate the many challenges involved in launching new ventures.

As a result of Magnuson's remarkable track record, outlined below, there are now significant opportunities for further growth and greater impact—more effective engagement of the faculty; the integration of start-up resources with TTO's expertise in intellectual property, commercialization, and industry engagement; deeper collaboration across all units of the university, particularly the medical school; and the delivery of programming that complements work being done across campus.

Students

Supporting student founders is at the core of the Magnuson Center's work. The result is a deeply practical, learning-by-doing model supported by a vibrant, student-driven ecosystem designed to nurture the next generation of global problem-solvers. The outcomes are clear. The leading business database, PitchBook, ranks Dartmouth sixth in the U.S. for undergraduate entrepreneurship programs among institutions of its size. Students at any stage find support: those with well-developed business ideas have access to grants, advising office hours, and accelerator experiences, while those at earlier stages can develop their ideas through pitch workshops, business planning resources, and mentorship. Key programs include the

Magnuson First-Year Fellows, which immerses first-year students in collaborative and creative entrepreneurial experiences; Moosilauke Student Ventures, which introduces undergraduates to entrepreneurship and venture capital through experiential learning with alumni in the venture community; and Women in Innovation, which provides a supportive community for women interested in innovation, entrepreneurship, and business. These programs help students explore, test, and launch ideas, preparing them to compete in today's innovation-driven marketplace. In 2024, a team of Dartmouth entrepreneurs won first place at the Hult Summit in Dubai, earning a place in the Hult Prize Global Accelerator, where they competed for \$1 million in funding.

Student engagement is already high, and under the Executive Director's leadership Magnuson will accelerate the integration of student and faculty entrepreneurship and alumni engagement in a way that creates a generational flywheel to advance innovative programming and funding opportunities.

Alumni

In strengthening its entrepreneurial community and advancing its mission, the Magnuson Center will continue to benefit from Dartmouth's extraordinary network of nearly 80,000 active alumni, including leaders in biotech, technology, and social enterprise, as well as angel, early-stage, and venture investing. This network provides a deep bench of mentors, advisors, and investors to support fellow Dartmouth entrepreneurs. Alumni with startup ideas can turn to the Magnuson Center for expert guidance and connections to venture capital, grant funding, and strategic partners. Alumni also engage via fireside chats, roundtables, and other events, often organized through the [Dartmouth Entrepreneurs Network](#), a community of alumni, students, and friends of Dartmouth who are building, investing in, or supporting ventures of all kinds. In 2025, Magnuson's alumni events engaged more than 1,300 participants.

The Dartmouth Entrepreneurs Forum is the Center's flagship gathering, bringing together founders, venture capitalists, alumni, and industry leaders to support and advance Dartmouth-affiliated ventures. The depth, global reach, and willingness of the alumni network to mentor and invest in student and faculty entrepreneurs remain among the Magnuson Center's greatest strengths. Alumni interested in investing can also engage directly with emerging ventures through the [Dartmouth Angels program](#).

Faculty and Staff

The Magnuson Center works to elevate and accelerate innovation emerging from faculty research. Dartmouth ranks second in the Ivy League in the Nature Innovation Index and 15th nationally for per-capita research spending, underscoring its capacity for high-impact scholarship. Faculty can access the full range of Magnuson resources, including startup advising, mentorship, and skilled student interns—often from the [Tuck School of Business](#)—to help advance new ventures. Through the Dartmouth Innovation Accelerators for Engineering (DIAEn) and for Healthcare & Medicine (DIAHM), the Center collaborates with the Thayer School of Engineering and the Geisel School of Medicine to help faculty and students translate research into market-ready technologies.

MAGNUSON FOR THE FUTURE

Despite the successes referenced above, extensive conversations with Magnuson leadership, the Board, and the Provost's Office, as well as a campus-wide review, revealed significant untapped potential to elevate the Center and create an integrated innovation ecosystem for entrepreneurship and research translation. Central goals include scaling the societal impact of faculty discoveries and expanding the participation of students, faculty, staff, and alumni. This reality informed the development of a vision for an enhanced Magnuson Center for Entrepreneurship.

Distinctive qualities of this vision include a true one-university model spanning undergraduate education, professional schools, faculty research, and alumni, exceptional alumni founder and venture capital network density relative to institutional size, and a campus-wide accelerator to complement existing interdisciplinary accelerators across healthcare, climate, digital health, and emerging technologies.

The Executive Director will catalyze the next phase of the Center's evolution, leveraging its core strengths to create a holistic center for entrepreneurship and research translation, an intergenerational flywheel that magnifies the societal impact of Dartmouth discoveries. To do so, it will need to expand its traditional strengths, preserving student and alumni programs while embracing the complementary expertise and resources of the Technology Transfer Office and strengthening ties to the Innovation PhD program and emerging programs in the [Dartmouth Center for Career Design](#), the [Irving Institute for Energy and Society](#), and the [Social Entrepreneurship & Innovation at Dartmouth](#) initiative, among others.

When the new vision of Magnuson is fully realized, its alumni networks will help accelerate research discoveries into real-world impact. Its students will benefit from world-class entrepreneurship and start-up support programs while working closely with faculty on the commercialization of ideas. Faculty will benefit from enhanced impact and resources, including a campuswide accelerator and student and alumni support. This concept will be underpinned by a signal \$60 million investment of Dartmouth and philanthropic funds, fueling a virtuous cycle of discovery, translation, impact, and reinvestment.

This ambitious goal will require strengthening organizational structure and brand identity, developing leadership and staff, expanding current-use fundraising, as well as scaling student experiential learning, immersion opportunities, and programs to support student and faculty founders. In doing so, the Center will continue to leverage the power of Dartmouth's liberal arts scholar-teacher model of education in conjunction with its world-class research engine.

ORGANIZATIONAL ASSETS

Personnel

As described above, the key assets of the Center include the outstanding students, faculty, staff, and alumni of the institution, together with the [talented professional staff](#) and [dedicated 23-member Board of Advisors](#) of the Center who have collectively built the exceptional programmatic offerings outlined above. Their skills are complemented by the experienced business development and operational team of the [Technology Transfer Office](#) (TTO), which supports faculty with a pipeline that converts discoveries into societal benefit, through business development, licensing, and patenting. TTO has overseen the commercialization of significant intellectual property, including the widely licensed “[spike protein](#)” technology found in every FDA-approved COVID-19 vaccine, as well as advances in cancer immunotherapy, multiple sclerosis, image sensing, and precision surgery, generating more than \$600 million to support research and innovation at Dartmouth. TTO also ensures grant compliance and manages revenue distributions. It works closely with faculty, staff, and students to raise awareness of the importance of intellectual property as a means to ensure the societal impact of the university's research discoveries. Close coordination with start-up support, including accelerator programs and alumni networking and advice, will potentiate the effectiveness of Dartmouth's research and innovation pipeline, and it will create new opportunities for students and faculty to participate in every stage of the process from foundational discovery to real-world deployment.

Facilities and Finances

Bridging innovation across campus, the Center spans [several physical locations on campus](#), with Magnuson Central located in the Class of 1982 Engineering and Computer Science Center in the west end of campus. The Center is a natural convergence point for many Dartmouth constituencies, which is emblematic of the collaborative institutional culture, allowing Magnuson to connect students, alumni, faculty, and staff, with likeminded entrepreneurs to ideate, design, and develop. TTO occupies a recently renovated suite in the nearby Murdough Building. Today, the endowment of the Magnuson Center stands at \$27 million, with an additional \$40 million committed by the university, and a \$20 million fundraising campaign underway. Combined with an on-going capital campaign, the Center is poised for growth and effective engagement of the entire campus. The combined Center will have an FY27 operating budget of approximately \$5.7 million.

ROLE OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The Executive Director will serve as the chief executive officer of the Magnuson Center and will be responsible for championing entrepreneurship and innovation at Dartmouth and beyond. The Executive Director will provide strategic direction and visionary leadership with a focus on innovation, entrepreneurship, new venture creation, and technology commercialization. As the leading ambassador

for entrepreneurship on campus, the Executive Director will work collaboratively across Dartmouth to advance institutional goals, strengthen partnerships, and champion a culture of innovation throughout the university. Within the Magnuson Center, the Executive Director will guide the creation of coherent, metrics-driven strategies and operating procedures to maximize the Center’s impact, overseeing all personnel and budget decisions.

The Executive Director will report to the Vice Provost for Research, who in turn reports to both the Provost and the President. The Executive Director will also work in close concert with the engaged Board of Advisors and will oversee a current combined staff of 20 employees.

The Executive Director will work in close partnership with the deans of the [School of Arts and Sciences](#), the [Geisel School of Medicine](#), the [Guarini School of Graduate and Advanced Studies](#), the [Thayer School of Engineering](#), and the [Tuck School of Business](#). Existing collaborations — including the Dartmouth Innovation Accelerators with Thayer (DIAEn) and Geisel (DIAHM), and entrepreneurship programming with Tuck and the Innovation PhD program at Thayer — provide a foundation. The Executive Director will work with the deans to strengthen and extend these lateral relationships as part of realizing a true one-university model for entrepreneurship and research translation.

KEY OPPORTUNITIES AND SUCCESS MEASURES

In partnership with the Provost’s Office and with support from the Board of Advisors, the Executive Director will draw on Dartmouth’s distinctive institutional assets to realize this ambitious vision for Magnuson’s next chapter, while preserving the Center’s unique strengths. The successful candidate will leverage significant institutional and philanthropic commitments to:

- strengthen engagement among students, faculty, staff, and alumni,
- create faster, tighter cycles of innovation,
- foster a robust ecosystem for innovation and entrepreneurship that supports the scholarly, teaching, and research mission of the faculty.

In addition, the Executive Director will align resources with strategic priorities and cultivate new philanthropic and institutional support to advance the Center’s work. The Executive Director will work with the Magnuson team, the Provost’s Office, and the Board of Advisors to identify specific and measurable key performance indicators that will guide the implementation of this new vision across several critical areas, as outlined below.

Elevate the Magnuson Center’s identity – *increasing visibility and reputation across campus and the broader ecosystem*

The Executive Director is the on- and off-campus representative of the Magnuson Center, serving as a highly visible and collaborative partner to ensure all constituencies understand what the Magnuson Center offers, who it serves, and how it can support everyone in their entrepreneurial endeavors. The

Executive Director will design and implement a strategy that prominently showcases success stories, highlights commercialization achievements, and clearly positions Dartmouth as an exemplary innovation hub. Key metrics will include annual participation across student, faculty, staff, and alumni constituencies; external visibility indicators such as rankings, national media coverage, and speaking invitations; and survey measures of Magnuson's reputation and clarity of identity.

Nurture a strong network of support – *strengthening collaboration at Dartmouth and beyond*

The Magnuson Center will build on a proven governance and leadership model that has enabled growth over more than a decade. With support from the Provost's Office and the Board of Advisors, the Executive Director is poised to take the Center to its next level of impact alongside a global support system that provides strategic guidance, alumni perspectives, and external insight. Key metrics will include the breadth of collaborative activity with schools, centers, and institutes across Dartmouth; the number and depth of external partnerships with corporate, investor, and peer-institution collaborators; and the size and engagement of the alumni mentor, advisor, and investor network.

Lead the integration of the Technology Transfer Office – *creating a seamless pipeline for faculty to move research into IP, licenses, and new ventures*

Dartmouth's research outputs, disclosures, intellectual property portfolio, and translational opportunities require tighter integration with entrepreneurial programming, capital networks, and venture formation expertise. At the same time, the commercialization process provides outstanding real-world opportunities for student and alumni engagement. By bringing the TTO into the Magnuson Center, students, alumni, and faculty will benefit from a unified entrepreneurial and commercialization ecosystem and enhanced operational rigor, creating efficiencies when transforming ideas into action, scholarship into solutions, and innovation into lasting societal benefit. The Executive Director must enhance the synergistic relationship between these once separate entities and their respective teams, to ensure a highly functioning internal structure and collaboration-oriented unit. Key metrics will include early and late indicators of IP impact, investigator engagement, as well as the quality and diversity of IP filings.

Expand faculty and student entrepreneurship – *scaling infrastructure and leadership capacity*

The Executive Director will need to scale the Center's resources—both human and financial—as well as its operational infrastructure to match expanding scope of entrepreneurial programming, capital networks, and venture formation expertise required to advance the goals of the Magnuson Center, while also seeking efficiencies in program delivery. A strong, well-integrated staff and leadership team within the Magnuson Center will be essential to this effort. The Executive Director will lead the team in achieving the strategic objectives of Magnuson, while fostering professional development, strengthening internal capacity, and cultivating a culture of service to the students, faculty, and alumni the Center supports. A campus-wide accelerator program will complement existing disciplinary offerings. By building an environment that attracts and retains top talent, the Executive Director will position the Center to more

effectively support the launch of new ventures based on the groundbreaking research and innovative ideas emerging from across Dartmouth. Candidate KPIs include the number of student, faculty, and alumni points of engagement, new ventures and licenses, as well as survey data.

Ensure financial stability and growth – wisely deploying new institutional and philanthropic resources

To supplement the Center’s existing endowment, Dartmouth has committed an additional \$40 million of institutional capital, together with a \$20 million fundraising campaign currently underway to further support the Center’s endowment, expand opportunities for programming, and ensure financial security for the future. The Executive Director will bring the capital campaign to a successful conclusion. 100% of the Board of Advisors members have already pledged a philanthropic commitment. These substantial new financial resources will establish a durable, scalable, and globally competitive entrepreneurship and research translation platform. Our expectation is that the new Magnuson Center will catalyze licensing and venture success, generating expanded revenue to enable further program development and reinvestment in basic research discoveries, creating a self-sustaining innovation flywheel. Core metrics will include budgetary sustainability, measured growth, and institutional resources.

QUALIFICATIONS AND CHARACTERISTICS

To achieve the goals outlined above, the Executive Director must demonstrate outstanding abilities to:

- Catalyze enthusiasm for entrepreneurship and innovation among Dartmouth’s exceptional students, faculty, staff, and alumni.
- Accelerate the translation of discoveries to real-world impact.
- Provide strategic direction and visionary, inclusive leadership to realize the full potential of significant organizational change and growth.
- Collaborate with a broad array of institutional and external partners.
- Navigate organizational complexity similar to that found in an academic environment.

A Bachelor’s degree is required. An advanced degree (doctoral, professional, or master's) may be advantageous.

The ideal candidate will also demonstrate many of the following strongly preferred qualifications:

- Substantial experience in entrepreneurship, venture investment, accelerator leadership, or university innovation settings at a level commensurate with leading a university-wide platform.
- Leadership experience in an academic environment, or a demonstrated record of working effectively with academic partners.
- A firm grasp of technology transfer mechanisms and the capital and funding cycle of deep-technology ventures.

- Experience building or scaling new programs, centers, or initiatives, paired with an entrepreneurial mindset for pursuing opportunities.
- Budget management experience and a sophisticated understanding of higher education resourcing, including the ability to cultivate and steward fundraising relationships with sophisticated donors or investors.
- Effective interpersonal and communication skills, including strong public speaking, with the ability to develop and maintain productive relationships across Dartmouth's internal and external constituencies — faculty, students, alumni, investors, technology transfer networks, and industry.
- A commitment to mentorship and to supporting faculty, staff, and students in developing ventures and commercializing discoveries.

The following additional qualifications would be advantageous:

- Deep domain knowledge of start-up needs in specific sectors such as life and health sciences, physical sciences, digital technologies, and climate and energy.
- Direct experience evaluating early-stage company investment potential, including business planning, valuation, and funding-needs analysis.
- Founder or operating experience inside a venture-backed company.

APPLICATIONS, INQUIRIES, AND NOMINATIONS

Screening of complete applications will begin immediately and continue until the completion of the search process. Inquiries, nominations, referrals, and CVs with cover letters should be sent via the Isaacson, Miller website: <https://www.imsearch.com/open-searches/dartmouth-college-magnuson-center-entrepreneurship/executive-director>. Electronic submission of materials is strongly encouraged.

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APPENDIX

ABOUT DARTMOUTH

Founded in 1769, Dartmouth is a Carnegie-classified R1 research university defined by a comprehensive liberal arts education combined with focused graduate programs in medicine, business, the sciences, and engineering. A founding member of the Ivy League, Dartmouth is consistently ranked among the country's best research institutions. It educates 4,500 undergraduates and 2,300 graduate students in the Arts and Sciences and in its four pioneering graduate and professional schools: the [Geisel School of Medicine](#), the [Guarini School of Graduate and Advanced Studies](#), the [Thayer School of Engineering](#), and the [Tuck School of Business](#). A member of the Association of American Universities (AAU), Dartmouth has forged a singular identity, combining its deep commitment to preeminent undergraduate liberal arts and graduate education with distinguished research and scholarship.

Dartmouth attracts faculty from around the world and ranks among the highest universities in the country in per capita research funding. There are over 1,000 faculty members across the institution, 65% of whom are tenured or on the tenure track. Dartmouth provides a high-intensity research environment with world-class facilities and outstanding extramural support for scholarly activities for faculty and students. Dartmouth researchers receive more than \$225 million in external research funding annually.

Dartmouth's talented and devoted staff provide business continuity and expertise to the ongoing operations of the institution. Higher education professionals contribute to the overall mission through strategic leadership in their respective areas. An anchor institution in the region, Dartmouth employs more than 3,200 staff members.

Faculty Excellence

Dartmouth faculty regularly win prestigious awards and grants from the [National Science Foundation](#), [Alfred P. Sloan Foundation](#), [John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation](#), [National Endowment for the Humanities](#), and [Mellon Foundation](#), and other eminent sponsors.

Dartmouth faculty foster a vibrant and inclusive learning environment. Students learn from and work alongside outstanding faculty and top researchers. Sixty percent of undergraduates engage in research with the support of faculty mentors, research grants, and fellowships.

Students

For the class of 2029, Dartmouth received 28,230 applications—its fifth consecutive year receiving at least 28,000 applications. With an admission rate of six percent, Dartmouth is extremely selective. Applicants admitted to the undergraduate Class of 2029 live in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico, as well as 57 other countries. Dartmouth remains committed to affordability as one of the few institutions

with a need-blind admissions process, including international applicants, and a no-loan financial aid policy. More than one in four admitted to the Class of 2029 qualify for free tuition, and an estimated 22 percent will qualify for a Pell Grant. Undergraduate students and young alumni successfully compete for the most prestigious scholarships and awards. Dartmouth students have received 81 Rhodes Scholarships, ranking sixth among U.S. colleges for most Rhodes Scholars since 1904. In 2025, 32 Dartmouth students and alumni were offered Fulbright awards, five undergraduates were awarded Goldwater Fellowships, and a member of the Class of 2025 became the 28th Dartmouth student to be selected for the highly competitive Truman Scholarship to support graduate study related to public service.

Dartmouth also trains 2,300 graduate students in departmental and interdisciplinary programs, including Computational Sciences and Modeling, Engineering, Integrative Neuroscience, Molecular and Cellular Biology. Supported by the [Guarini School of Graduate and Advanced Studies](#), graduate students and postdoctoral trainees contribute critical skills and research productivity in many laboratories and work closely with undergraduates, and are supported by research grants, NSF Graduate Research Fellowships, NIH Kirchstein Awards, and other prestigious fellowships. Dartmouth also hosts the [Innovation PhD program](#), a nationally recognized initiative that provides students interested in entrepreneurship with training and experiential learning, including independent funding for part of their training period.

Dartmouth Leadership

[Dr. Sian Leah Beilock](#) is the 19th president in the Wheelock succession. She is the first woman to have been elected president of Dartmouth by the Board of Trustees and began her tenure on June 12, 2023.

Since her arrival, President Beilock has raised Dartmouth's profile as a global leader on critical issues including freedom of speech; affordability for middle-income families; cold weather climate and the energy transition; and student mental health and well-being, led by the launch of the community-wide *Commitment to Care* plan.

President Beilock has also spearheaded the launch of [Dartmouth Dialogues](#), a groundbreaking initiative in higher education that fosters a culture of inquiry and respect by building the skills that students, faculty, and staff need to engage across differences—an essential element in training future leaders. In its first year, more than 15,000 community members participated in a *Dialogues* event or training, our faculty studied related topics like polarization, and the program's efforts were lauded nationally by leaders across the political spectrum.

In 2024, President Beilock also led the institution's adoption of a first-of-its-kind policy of "institutional restraint": formalizing a commitment that Dartmouth leadership and academic departments will refrain from taking political positions so that debate among individual students and faculty can flourish.

A distinguished cognitive scientist, President Beilock is one of the world's foremost experts on performance under pressure, receiving the 2017 Troland Award from the National Academy of Sciences. She is also a member of the American Academy of Arts & Sciences and the National Academy of Medicine. She has worked closely with Fortune 500 companies, professional sports teams, and public sector leaders to build high-performing teams and create environments that attract, retain, and get the best out of their talent.

President Beilock has authored 120 peer-reviewed papers, as well as two critically-acclaimed books—*Choke* and *How the Body Knows Its Mind*—that have been published in more than a dozen languages. Her 2017 [TED Talk](#) on performing under pressure has been viewed nearly 3 million times.

Previously, President Beilock served as President of Barnard College at Columbia University and Executive Vice Provost at the University of Chicago, where she was also the Stella M. Rowley Professor of Psychology. President Beilock earned her bachelor of science in cognitive science from the University of California, San Diego, and doctorate degrees in psychology and kinesiology from Michigan State University.

[Provost Santiago Schnell](#), an internationally recognized computational biologist and physiologist whose research advances understanding of the biochemical pathways underlying human disease, was appointed on July 1, 2025. Provost Schnell also has appointments as Professor of Mathematics at Dartmouth, and Adjunct Professor of Biochemistry & Cell Biology and Biomedical Data Science in the Geisel School of Medicine at Dartmouth. His research focuses on developing methods and models to obtain high-quality measurements with rigor, reproducibility, and robustness in the biomedical sciences. Provost Schnell uses mathematical, computational, and statistical approaches to tackle complex problems in the biomedical sciences. These theoretical models serve as powerful tools for hypothesis testing and data interpretation, driving discovery in partnership with experimental research groups worldwide.

Provost Schnell came to Dartmouth in 2025 from the University of Notre Dame, where he served as the William K. Warren Foundation Dean of the College of Science. Previously, he served as Chair of the Department of Molecular & Integrative Physiology at the University of Michigan Medical School. He earned his undergraduate degree in biology from Universidad Simón Bolívar in Venezuela and his doctorate in mathematics from the University of Oxford.

[Vice Provost for Research Dean Madden](#) is a Professor of Biochemistry & Cell Biology at the Geisel School of Medicine and holds an adjunct appointment in the Department of Chemistry. Reporting to both Provost Schnell and President Beilock, he works closely with the Deans of all five Schools to coordinate Dartmouth's research and innovation strategy, including leadership of the recent campus-wide 'invention2impact' review. A structural biologist by training, Dr. Madden studies transient protein-protein interactions and bacterial virulence enzymes that govern the intracellular trafficking, localization, and activity of a key ion channel relevant in cystic fibrosis. In addition to leading an active laboratory with international collaborations, he serves as Director of two NIH-funded initiatives: the Institute for

Biomolecular Targeting and the Dartmouth Cystic Fibrosis Research Center. He has received more than \$40 million of NIH funding and is the co-inventor of multiple patents.

Vice Provost Madden received his undergraduate degree in physics and his PhD in biophysics from Harvard University. He spent a decade at the Max Planck Institute for Medical Research in Heidelberg, Germany as a postdoctoral fellow and an independent research group leader, before coming to Dartmouth in 2002. He has served as Vice Provost since 2016.

Finances

Prudent financial leadership and management ensure Dartmouth's resource base remains stable and sustainable for the future. Among peers, Dartmouth is in a strong financial position, with an "AAA" credit rating from S&P Global and a surplus in FY25. For FY26, Dartmouth forecasts a \$1.6 billion baseline in operating expenses, and the endowment approximates \$9 billion. The organizational structure is mirrored in Dartmouth's budget model. The schools operate as their own independent financial units, with the Deans responsible for revenues and costs, with a tax back to central administration for shared resources.

Location

Dartmouth is known for its profound sense of place. Frequently ranked as one of the most beautiful colleges in America, the Dartmouth campus offers mountain vistas, towering pines, and a pastoral setting in the deep green Upper Valley. The natural beauty of the campus is just one aspect of what gives Dartmouth's campus its vivid color and energy. Members of the Dartmouth community have access to unparalleled opportunities, through all four seasons, to explore the outdoors. Just steps away, the sophisticated college [Town of Hanover](#) offers a wide array of restaurants, shops, and services. The public schools in Hanover are well-regarded, with Hanover High School ranked as the top high school in the state by U.S. News and World Report. At the edge of campus, the renowned [Hopkins Center for the Arts](#), named by the National Endowment for the Arts as one of the nation's exemplary performing arts centers, integrates the Dartmouth community into downtown life.

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