Yeshiva University

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THE SEARCH

Yeshiva University (Yeshiva or YU), the flagship Jewish University, seeks a mission-aligned, accomplished, academic leader with an entrepreneurial spirit to serve as its next Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost (Provost). The Provost will join Yeshiva at a moment of institutional strength, increasing influence, and significant academic ambition. Working in close partnership with President Ari Berman, the Board of Trustees, an accomplished group of deans, faculty, and senior leaders, the Provost will help shape and advance Yeshiva's next era of academic excellence, research strength, and mission-driven growth. the Provost will play a defining role in Yeshiva's next stage of institutional development, advancing undergraduate academic excellence, expanding graduate and professional education, and leading significant growth in YU's research enterprise.

Yeshiva University is distinguished by its commitment to Jewish values as the foundation of its educational mission. Its undergraduate colleges are deeply rooted in the Orthodox Jewish tradition, integrating rigorous secular academics with intensive Torah study, religious observance, and Jewish values. Many of its graduate and professional schools, including the Azrieli Graduate School of Jewish Education and Administration, the Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law, the Ferkauf Graduate School of Psychology, the Bernard Revel Graduate School of Jewish Studies, Sy Syms School of Business, the Katz College of Science and Health, the College of Dental Medicine, and the Wurzweiler School of Social Work, offer an inclusive academic environment, bringing together students and faculty from countries and cultures around the world for advanced scholarship, research, and professional preparation. Other graduate programs, particularly those in Jewish studies and Jewish education, are explicitly grounded in YU's religious and intellectual traditions. Across all its schools, Yeshiva is united by its core Jewish values that affirm the dignity of every human being, the pursuit of truth, and the responsibility to use knowledge in service of the greater good.

Recently, YU has demonstrated sound financial management and sustained growth, expanded its academic portfolio, substantially increased graduate enrollment, broadened its donor base, and extended its reach and reputation. More than 40 graduate programs have been created, graduate enrollment has grown from approximately 1,900 to more than 5,000 students, and Yeshiva has made important investments in engineering, mathematics, computer science, business, health sciences, the formation of

a new college of dentistry, and other areas of academic and professional importance. At the undergraduate level, increased interest in YU and a commitment to excellence have contributed to healthy enrollment. Together, these advances have strengthened YU as a multifaceted institution committed to teaching, learning, research, and service to the community across its campuses in New York City and Israel.

Reporting to the President, the next Provost will help position Yeshiva University for its next significant advance in academic distinction and institutional impact. The Provost will oversee the educational vision of the undergraduate and graduate programs, the administrative management of YU's academic enterprise, bringing vision, innovation, and dynamism to this work. The Provost will help elevate the Yeshiva's academic stature, strengthen its faculty, pursue continued strategic growth in graduate and professional education, and evaluate new programs, partnerships, and geographic opportunities. YU also seeks to significantly strengthen its research enterprise, expanding its capacity for high-level scholarship, doctoral education, and externally funded research. Achieving these goals will require a Provost who can think expansively while remaining grounded in the realities of higher education and institutional finances; uphold high standards while empowering strong leaders; and convert ambitious ideas into focused priorities and demonstrable outcomes.

As a member of the senior leadership team, the Provost will mentor and work closely with the deans and engage collaboratively with colleagues across YU, including the President, Chief Financial Officer, Chief Operating Officer and General Counsel, academic leadership, advancement leadership, enrollment leaders, and the leaders of student-facing and administrative functions. The Provost will bring a strong academic voice to institutional decisions while recognizing that academic excellence must be supported by sound financial planning and effective operations. The Provost will also be a visible and trusted presence across Yeshiva's campus. This individual will engage regularly with faculty, students, staff, trustees, alumni, donors, and external partners. The Provost must be able to represent YU credibly within the broader academy while understanding and embracing Yeshiva's distinctive mission, constituencies, and aspirations.

Yeshiva University has retained Isaacson, Miller, a national executive search firm, to assist in conducting this important search. All inquiries, applications, and nominations for this opportunity should be directed to the firm as indicated at the end of this document.

YESHIVA UNIVERSITY

Yeshiva University is a values-driven institution with a distinctive place in American higher education and in the life of the Jewish people since its founding in 1886. Rooted in its commitment to Torah and academic excellence, Yeshiva prepares students to lead lives of meaning, purpose, and contribution. Its undergraduate education brings together the wisdom of the Jewish tradition with the great books and ideas of Western civilization, emphasizing the intellectual and moral foundations that have shaped our

society. Yeshiva's educational mission reflects the conviction that the pursuit of knowledge should be joined with compassion, moral responsibility, and service to others.

Faith-based undergraduate schools bring together Jewish study with academic excellence and achievement in the liberal arts, sciences, and business. Its graduate programs in law, social work, business, Jewish studies, Jewish education, psychology, science, and technology prepare students to positively impact the community, the country, and the world. National and international students are eager to study at a top-ranked U.S. News and World Report university with rich traditions and values. YU currently enrolls over 7,000 students, including 2,000 undergraduates, across its campuses.

The three undergraduate schools, Yeshiva College, Stern College for Women, and Sy Syms School of Business, offer 65 rigorous programs in the arts, sciences, and business, as well as extensive offerings in Torah and Jewish studies. In July of 2026, YU announced the formation of the new Electrical and Computer Engineering program. Students have the opportunity to study in Israel and earn college credit through the S. Daniel Abraham Israel program, where about 600 students learn each year. Yeshiva's schools and colleges are located across four campuses in New York City—Wilf Campus, Beren Campus, and Brookdale Center, all in Manhattan, the Resnick Campus in the Bronx, and a campus in Israel.

YU's graduate programs offer a unique educational experience that infuses Jewish values with the opportunity to pursue academic excellence. YU's graduate and professional programs are offered through the Azrieli Graduate School of Jewish Education and Administration, the Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law, the Bernard Revel Graduate School of Jewish Studies, the Ferkauf Graduate School of Psychology, the Katz College of Science and Health, the Sy Syms School of Business, the Wurzweiler School of Social Work, and the recently launched College of Dental Medicine. Graduate offerings also include the Emil A. and Jenny Fish Center for Holocaust & Genocide Studies and the MS in Biblical and Talmudic Interpretation. Yeshiva has also recently announced several new master's programs in the Sy Syms School of Business and the Katz College of Science and Health.

Renowned affiliates of Yeshiva include the Albert Einstein College of Medicine, which earns accolades for its highly ranked research opportunities, the Rabbi Isaac Eichanan Theological Seminary, one of the most historic seminaries in America, and the Samuel H. Wang Yeshiva University High School for Girls and the Marsha Stern Talmudical Academy for Boys. Additionally, YU houses diverse scholarly centers, several libraries, a museum, and a university press.

Yeshiva alumni number more than 70,000 and work in virtually all fields, residing across the country and globally. YU employs nearly 800 faculty members, 360 full-time and the remainder part-time, and more than 840 total administrative staff (full- and part-time). YU student life is extensive and offers a rich and fulfilling undergraduate experience. With over 80 student organizations and activities straddling both Stern, Sy Syms, and Yeshiva Colleges, including student government for both Wilf and Beren campuses, students are highly engaged future leaders who strive to make a difference in the world.

University Leadership

Rabbi Dr. Ari Berman, President

A gifted leader, scholar, and orator, Dr. Berman graduated with distinction from four of Yeshiva's schools. This includes his BA from Yeshiva College, his MA in Medieval Jewish Philosophy from the Bernard Revel Graduate School of Jewish Studies, and his rabbinical ordination from the Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary. His studies also included two years of learning at Yeshivat Har Etzion in Israel under the tutelage of the seminal Jewish thinker and leader Rabbi Dr. Aharon Lichtenstein. After making aliyah to Israel in 2008, Dr. Berman completed his higher education with a PhD in Jewish Thought at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, supervised by renowned philosopher Professor Moshe Halbertal.

Dr. Berman has a broad range of distinguished experience in the worlds of higher education and Jewish communal life. He led The Jewish Center in New York City as its Rabbi, served as Instructor of Talmud at Yeshiva College and Herzog College, served on the executive council at Herzog College, and was chief executive (Rosh ha-Merkaz) of Hechal Shlomo – Center of Jewish Heritage in Jerusalem. He is an active and erudite spokesman for the Jewish community. Dr. Berman lectures widely throughout the U.S. and Israel and has written numerous articles on subjects addressing contemporary Jewish thought, modern philosophy, and trends in higher education.

ROLE OF THE SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT FOR ACADEMIC AFFAIRS AND PROVOST

Reporting to the President, the Provost serves as Yeshiva University's chief academic officer, providing vision and leadership for the quality and effectiveness of the academic enterprise. The Provost will support the deans; strengthen faculty recruitment, development, retention, and scholarly achievement; advance research and doctoral education; promote high-impact teaching practices; and ensure academic rigor across existing and emerging programs, both on-ground and online. Responsibilities also include academic planning, program development and review, accreditation and assessment, faculty affairs, academic policy, governance, and central academic functions.

The Provost oversees approximately 16 direct reports including the Vice Provost for Undergraduate Education/Dean for Undergraduate Faculty of Arts and Sciences, and the Deans of the Sy Syms School of Business, Azrieli Graduate School of Jewish Education and Administration, the Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law, the Bernard Revel Graduate School of Jewish Studies, the Ferkauf Graduate School of Psychology, the Katz College of Science and Health, the Wurzweiler School of Social Work, and the College of Dental Medicine. The Provost will oversee the $3.3-million budget of the Office of Academic Affairs.

KEY OPPORTUNITIES AND CHALLENGES FOR THE PROVOST

Empower and align an accomplished group of academic leaders

Yeshiva benefits from a strong group of deans and academic leaders who have advanced their schools and contributed to the YU's momentum. The Provost will support their continued success while bringing greater alignment around shared institutional priorities and opportunities. The Provost will foster a culture of "rigor without rigidness," balancing appropriate autonomy with clear standards and shared commitments. At the same time, the Provost will establish expectations for accountability, collaboration, quality, and alignment with the broader university mission. Equally important will be developing the next generation of academic leaders, strengthening mentoring and professional development, cultivating talent, and supporting thoughtful succession planning across the academic enterprise.

Elevate Yeshiva's academic stature and scholarly impact

Yeshiva has a significant opportunity to strengthen its academic stature and national reputation by building on areas of established and emerging excellence. Working with deans and faculty, the Provost will identify where Yeshiva can achieve greater distinction, strengthen faculty excellence and scholarship, and increase the visibility and impact of its academic enterprise.

Research and doctoral education will be important priorities in advancing Yeshiva's academic stature and scholarly impact. The Provost will bring experience in building and strengthening research programs, recruiting outstanding faculty, expanding doctoral education, and increasing external research funding. The Provost will also identify strategic priorities for investment and work with the President and advancement leadership to attract the resources necessary to support YU's growing research ambitions.

Shape and advance Yeshiva's next era of academic excellence

Working collaboratively with YU's leadership team, deans, and key stakeholders, the Provost will shape an ambitious and cohesive academic vision for Yeshiva's future, building on existing strengths while identifying areas for greater distinction and impact. The Provost will set clear priorities and strengthen connections across undergraduate, graduate, professional, and research programs. The new Provost will invest in building a community of deans, who will, in turn, invest in creating stronger faculty bonds.

Building on the momentum of the new electrical and computer engineering program and the College of Dental Medicine, the Provost will advance opportunities in health, science, technology, engineering, and math while bringing focus and discipline to Yeshiva's broader academic agenda. Additionally, the Provost will focus attention on Yeshiva's own online program manager, YU Global, to strengthen and broaden offerings while maintaining the same academic rigor as all Yeshiva on-ground academic programs. The successful leader will balance bold thinking with practical judgment, translating vision into clear priorities and action.

Lead strategic growth with academic rigor and financial discipline

The expansion of graduate and professional education has been a significant source of academic and financial strength for Yeshiva. The Provost will shape the next phase of this growth, identifying opportunities for new and expanded programs, schools, and modes of delivery that advance Yeshiva's mission, reputation, and reach. As YU grows, the Provost will ensure that academic rigor and financial sustainability remain paramount, establishing clear expectations for program development and review and ensuring that decisions reflect academic quality, student and market demand, institutional priorities, and sound financial judgment.

International student enrollment, regulatory change, competition, and shifting public perceptions of the value of higher education add complexity to this work. The Provost will need to anticipate external developments, adapt thoughtfully, and position Yeshiva to respond to disruption without losing sight of its standards or mission.

Prepare Yeshiva for the changing future of higher education

Higher education is changing rapidly, influenced by artificial intelligence, evolving student expectations, new approaches to teaching and learning, and growing questions about the value and relevance of a university education. The Provost will help Yeshiva anticipate these shifts and respond with imagination while remaining grounded in its academic standards and mission. Artificial intelligence will be a particular priority. Building on existing programs and the President's AI commission, the Provost will help develop a more coherent institutional approach to AI across curriculum, pedagogy, scholarship, assessment, academic integrity, and administration. More broadly, the Provost will ensure that Yeshiva's academic programs combine intellectual depth with relevance to a changing world, preparing students not only for successful careers but for meaningful lives and ensuring Yeshiva remains responsive to emerging fields and evolving professional needs.

QUALIFICATIONS AND CHARACTERISTICS

The next Provost will be an accomplished academic leader with the experience, judgment, and vision to advance Yeshiva's academic ambitions. Candidates should bring a distinguished record of academic leadership and scholarly accomplishment and a deep commitment to academic excellence. The search committee welcomes candidates from all backgrounds who understand, respect, and embrace Yeshiva's mission and core values, including its relationship with the Modern Orthodox community, distinctive undergraduate dual curriculum, and the centrality of Israel to its identity and future. Candidates should have an earned doctorate and a distinguished record of academic leadership and research or scholarly accomplishment commensurate with appointment as a tenured professor, preferably at the full professor level. While no single candidate will possess every qualification, candidates should demonstrate many of the following professional experiences and personal qualities:

- Significant senior academic administrative experience, preferably as a dean, provost, vice provost, or comparably responsible academic leader.
- Demonstrated success building and significantly expanding high-quality research programs, including recruiting outstanding research faculty, developing doctoral programs, securing external research funding, and strengthening institutional research infrastructure. Experience leading substantial research growth within a major university or helping an institution advance to a higher level of research distinction is particularly desirable.
- Demonstrated success recruiting, retaining, mentoring, and developing outstanding faculty and academic leaders.
- Experience building or significantly expanding academic programs, schools, institutes, research areas, or other academic enterprises.
- Proven success collaboratively developing and executing a strategic vision that inspires stakeholders and elevates national and international prominence.
- Financial fluency and experience with academic budgeting, resource allocation, program economics, and financially responsible decision-making.
- Understanding of the opportunities and pressures affecting graduate and professional education.
- Experience with accreditation, academic assessment, program review, and continuous improvement.
- A strong understanding of the forces reshaping higher education, including AI, online learning, changing enrollment patterns, workforce expectations, and financial pressures, coupled with an appetite for innovation and a willingness to take calculated risks in service of students and institutional impact.
- Experience leading change and strengthening organizational systems, structures, and processes.
- A record of fostering collaboration across schools, disciplines, programs, or campuses.
- The ability to communicate academic priorities compellingly and serve as an effective advocate for a university with trustees, donors, alumni, partners, and other external constituencies.
- A commitment to academic freedom, intellectual rigor, civil discourse, and respectful engagement.
- The ability to work collaboratively and collegially with the President and colleagues across the campuses, through both formal and informal channels, in support of Yeshiva's strategic priorities.
- A leadership style characterized by transparency, honesty, integrity, and a commitment to collaborative decision-making.
- A record of securing external support through fundraising and grants.
- Understanding of and alignment with Yeshiva University's distinctive mission.

COMPENSATION AND LOCATION

This is a full-time position with a starting salary range of $425,000 - $450,000. This position is based in Manhattan.

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 Yeshiva University Provost search on the Isaacson, Miller website.

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