



April 5, 2021

To All Faculty, Staff, and Students:

I am pleased to announce that we are approaching the final stages of the search process to identify the university's next provost and vice president for academic affairs. In light of current campus COVID-19 precautions, the typical two-day campus visit format has been modified to enable academic, administrative, and student leaders, as well as the larger campus community, to meet finalists via Zoom. These meetings are being held beginning **Thursday, April 8<sup>th</sup> and concluding on Friday, April 16<sup>th</sup>.**

A [secure site](#) has been created containing: each candidate's curriculum vitae; a link and password to participate in each candidate's Zoom-based presentation to the community; and a feedback survey. **This secure site will be open only to those with valid Stevens credentials from 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, April 7<sup>th</sup> to 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, April 20<sup>th</sup>.**

We encourage all community members who have the opportunity to meet with and/or participate in candidates' presentations to submit feedback via the online survey.

Please note that each of the finalists currently holds a senior academic position at an institution of higher education and requests that this campus-wide interview process remain confidential. **Therefore, we ask that members of the Stevens community refrain from downloading candidate materials or discussing the identities of the candidates with those outside of Stevens.**

Each finalist will give a brief presentation to the campus community on the following topic according to the schedule below. Please **reserve these times and check the [secure site](#) for the link and password for each presentation.**

***Current Challenges Facing Higher Education and Opportunities for Stevens—As a University Focused on Technology and Innovation—to Address Those Challenges***

Finalist 1: Wednesday, April 14<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m.  
Finalist 2: Monday, April 12<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m.  
Finalist 3: Tuesday, April 13<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m.  
Finalist 4: Thursday, April 15<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m.

Thank you for dedicating time to this important process. I hope you will join me in sharing the upward trajectory and tremendous potential of this university with each of the finalists and in helping to recruit a stellar provost to Stevens.

*Per aspera ad astra,*

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President