



Dear Texas Tech community,

The search process for the next Vice President for Research of Texas Tech University is underway. While we will be diligent in our search to fill the position in a timely manner, our goal is to ensure we hire the very best qualified candidate to continue leading the university research mission.

We have secured Isaacson Miller, one of the top executive search firms in the country, to assist in our efforts. They are a proven leader in identifying upper level administration, including chancellors, presidents, provosts and senior management positions. We will hold an open forum Friday (Feb. 17) from 1-2 p.m. at the International Cultural Center (Room 105). A representative from Isaacson Miller, as well as members of the search committee, will be available for an open conversation.

The following have been appointed to the search committee:

- Al Sacco, Jr., Ph.D. – Committee Chair, Whitacre College of Engineering
- Lisa Calvert – Vice Chancellor, Institutional Advancement
- Michael Galyen, Ph.D. – Interim Senior Vice President and Provost
- Darryl James, Ph.D. – Vice Provost for Institutional Effectiveness
- Brent Lindquist, Ph.D. – Dean, College of Arts & Sciences
- Yehia Mechref, Ph.D. – Director, TTU Center for Biotechnology & Genomics
- John Osborne – Chief Executive Officer, Lubbock Economic Development Alliance
- Michelle Pantoya, Ph.D. – J.W. Wright Regents Endowed Chair, Whitacre College of Engineering
- Peter Rotwein, Ph.D. – Vice President for Research, TTU Health Sciences Center, El Paso
- Noel Sloan – Vice President for Administration and Finance and Chief Financial Officer
- Randa Roberson – Executive Administrative Associate
- Seshadri Ramkumar, Ph.D. – Professor, Department of Environmental Toxicology

We are hopeful to bring qualified candidates to campus late in the spring semester. At that time many of you will have the opportunity to meet each candidate and participate in dialogue.

I am looking forward to this process and bringing in the best academic leader possible. With your assistance and support, we can continue to build on our impressive academic record and achieve our goals.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Lawrence Schovanec'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent 'L' and 'S'.

Lawrence Schovanec President