The University of California, Berkeley College of Chemistry, ranked among the very top in the world in its fields of study, seeks a dynamic leader and accomplished scholar to serve as the next Dean of the College of Chemistry.

The University of California was founded in 1868. Today, Berkeley is one of the leading universities in the world — a center of innovation and destination for thought leaders in all areas of human achievement — where serious thought and lively conversation spill out of classrooms into outdoor cafes and every corner of campus. A public, R1 doctoral university, in the Association of American Universities (AAU), UC Berkeley is home to more than 33,000 undergraduates and more than 12,000 graduate students. The University is internationally renowned for excellence and pioneering achievements across all disciplines. At the heart of its preeminence are approximately 1,500 ladder-rank faculty across 15 schools and colleges.

Now over 150 years old, Chemistry at UC Berkeley has been part of the University since its founding. The College of Chemistry has been recognized for discovering 16 new elements, changing the periodic table. College faculty and alumni have been awarded 18 Nobel Prizes in Chemistry and nine Wolf Prizes in Chemistry and Medicine, in addition to 39 National Academy of Sciences awards, and an ever-growing list of major awards and honors across the College of Chemistry. Notably, the 2022 Nobel Prize in Chemistry was awarded to Carolyn Bertozzi, an alumna and former Professor of Chemistry, who did her Nobel-winning work at UC Berkeley. The College of Chemistry is comprised of two departments: the Department of Chemistry and the Department of Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering (CBE).

The Dean serves as the chief academic officer and executive officer of the College of Chemistry. The Dean reports directly to the Executive Vice Chancellor and Provost (EVCP) and has 10 direct reports, including the undergraduate dean, one executive associate dean, one associate dean, three senior assistant deans, two department chairs, and two staff. The Dean will articulate and execute a strategic vision for the future of the College of Chemistry. They will be a clear and open communicator who actively listens, models how to participate in UC Berkeley’s tradition of shared governance, and leads the College through change. The Dean will also cultivate financial resources to sustain and further the College’s excellence, embracing existing community and industry partnerships, while seeking out and establishing new revenue sources and partnerships for program support, infrastructure improvements, academic exploration, and future development needs. Critically, they will sustain and enhance the College’s academic reputation by ensuring that its resources, capacity, and academic needs are prioritized. The Dean will be a visible and engaged leader of the College, supporting all faculty, staff, and students in the community, and reducing barriers to success. Finally, the Dean will embody, support, and enhance the College’s commitment to diversity, equity, inclusion, and belonging. They will uphold UC Berkeley’s commitment to providing fair treatment, access, opportunity, and advancement for all.
To review the long-format position profile, please visit:  

The successful candidate will have a distinguished record of scholarship, teaching, and professional activity appropriate for a tenured faculty appointment at the level of full professor at UC Berkeley. To be considered as candidates, applicants must have a doctoral degree or equivalent international degree at the time of application and submit a CV, preferably with a detailed letter of interest that responds to the agenda for leadership and the desired attributes for the new dean.

Please send nominations, inquiries, and application materials electronically to UCBerkeleyChemistryDean@storbecksearch.com. Applicants must also apply directly at: https://aprecruit.berkeley.edu/JPF04063. For fullest consideration, materials should be received by Friday, March 8, 2024.

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The posted University of California Deans’ Salary Bands (https://www.ucop.edu/academic-personnel-programs/compensation/deans-salary-structure/deans-salary-bands.html) set the pay ranges for deans. The College of Chemistry dean position is included in Band 2: $239,600-$611,100.

Diversity, equity, inclusion, and belonging are core values at UC Berkeley. Our excellence can only be fully realized by faculty, students, and academic and non-academic staff who share our commitment to these values. Successful candidates for our academic positions will demonstrate evidence of a commitment to advancing equity, inclusion, and belonging.

All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, disability, age, or protected veteran status.

This position is a sensitive position and is subject to a criminal background check. Questions may be referred to Dana Jantz at 510-642-1963 or jantz@berkeley.edu.