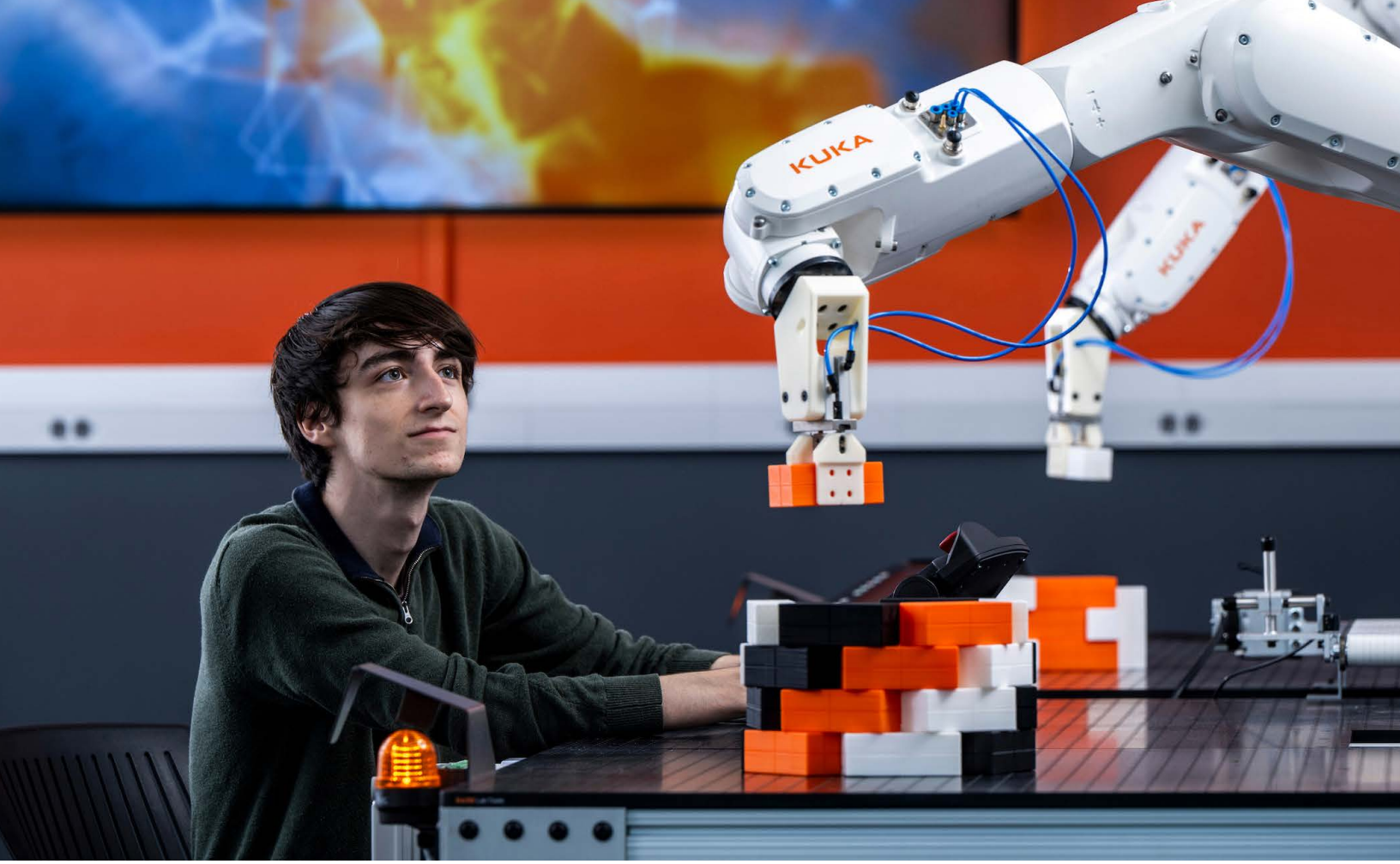


POSITION PROFILE

DEAN OF THE COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING AND COMPUTING

Missouri University of Science and Technology
Rolla, Missouri

MISSOURI S&T

Missouri University of Science and Technology (Missouri S&T) invites applications and nominations for the position of Dean of the College of Engineering and Computing.

The next Dean will lead Missouri S&T's largest academic college at a pivotal moment of institutional growth. The Dean will be expected to expand the college's research enterprise, strengthen graduate education, recruit and retain exceptional faculty, grow industry and government partnerships, and position the college among the nation's most influential engineering and computing institutions.

This mandate comes at a moment of exceptional institutional momentum. In 2025 Missouri S&T earned Carnegie R1 classification, placing it among the top 187 research institutions in the nation. The Wall Street Journal ranks Missouri S&T 8th nationally, and 2nd among public universities, for best salaries earned by its graduates. And the transformational $300 million gift from June and Fred Kummer, the largest gift in the history of Missouri higher education, continues to fuel new research centers, new academic programs, and new opportunities for students and faculty across the university.

The College of Engineering and Computing is central to that momentum. It is the academic heart of Missouri S&T, enrolling approximately 80 percent of all students across nine academic departments and more than 170 ranked faculty. The Dean will provide visionary academic, administrative, and financial leadership for this college, advancing excellence in education, research, innovation, economic development, and external engagement, and will play a central role in shaping the university's future as it pursues bold initiatives to grow enrollment, strengthen graduate education, expand industry partnerships, integrate artificial intelligence throughout the curriculum and university operations, and increase research expenditures.

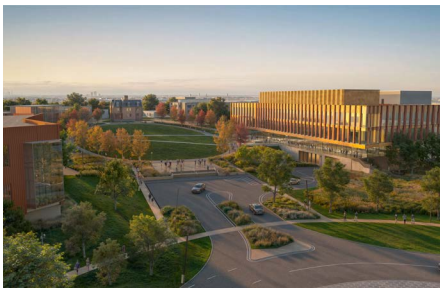
Missouri S&T seeks a visionary and collaborative dean with the academic credibility, leadership experience, and strategic acumen to advance research growth, strengthen educational excellence, deepen industry partnerships, and guide the College of Engineering and Computing through continued innovation and impact. The successful candidate will possess an earned doctorate and credentials for appointment as a tenured full professor, along with a record of significant academic leadership, organizational management, strategic planning, budgeting, faculty development, and successful engagement with both internal and external stakeholders.

TRANSFORMATIONAL INVESTMENTS AND RESEARCH INFRASTRUCTURE

Missouri S&T has backed its ambitions with significant investment, and the next Dean will help activate and advance several signature facilities and strategic initiatives anchored in the college's core disciplines.

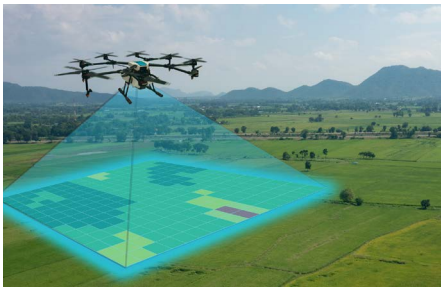
MISSOURI PROTOPLEX — NOW OPEN

The 117,000-square-foot Missouri Protoplex has just opened its doors as a hub for advanced manufacturing, prototyping, and industry-facing R&D. Equipped with more than 50 machines and $12 million in advanced equipment, the Protoplex connects Missouri manufacturers with S&T's research capacity and workforce development programs, positioning the state to compete globally on advanced manufacturing technology, processes, and materials.



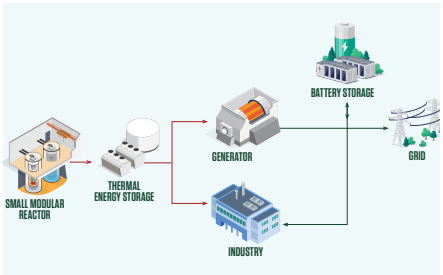
MISSOURI BIOPLEX — UNDER CONSTRUCTION

Missouri S&T's largest capital project in its history, the 127,000-square-foot Missouri Bioplex broke ground in April 2025 and is slated for completion in 2028. Anchoring the south side of the Oval, the facility will centralize the university's Center for Biomedical Research and house 24 research team spaces, an ABSL-2 vivarium, a cognitive neuroscience suite, and teaching and conference space, advancing work at the intersection of engineering, medicine, and biology. The project is fully funded by private gifts.



MISSOURI GEOPLEX — ON THE HORIZON

Missouri S&T is advancing the Missouri GeoPlex, a statewide initiative that brings together geospatial engineering, artificial intelligence, drones and autonomous systems to address challenges across air, space, ground and sea. Through technology development, testing, education and workforce development, the GeoPlex will position Missouri as a national leader in geospatial innovation, mobility systems, infrastructure, agriculture and smart communities



ADVANCING NUCLEAR ENERGY

Missouri S&T is also advancing a comprehensive nuclear energy strategy that includes modernizing the university's existing research reactor and exploring a nuclear-hybrid energy research campus centered on a small modular reactor. Together, these efforts would expand research and innovation while building a cradle-to-career pipeline for the nation's nuclear workforce.

Together, the Missouri Protoplex, Missouri Bioplex, Missouri GeoPlex and the university's nuclear energy initiatives represent an institutional commitment to building the research capacity, infrastructure and partnerships needed to compete nationally. The next Dean will help ensure these investments, and the faculty and students who bring them to life, reach their full potential.

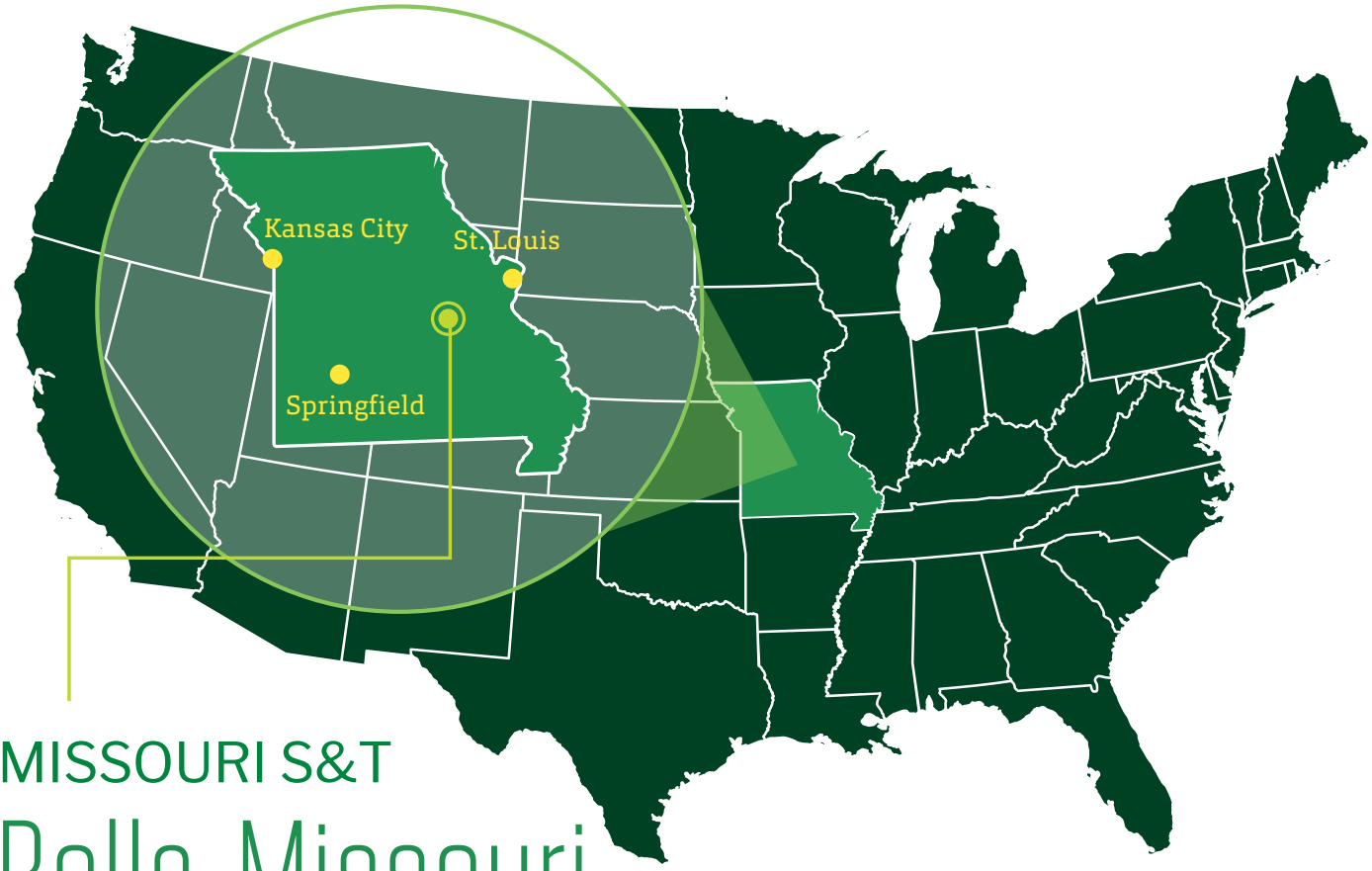
MISSOURI UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Founded in 1870 as one of the nation's first technological universities west of the Mississippi River, Missouri S&T has earned a national reputation for excellence in engineering, science, and technology.

Today the university offers more than 100 academic programs spanning engineering, computing, science, business, education, and the humanities. As Missouri's premier technological research university and a member of the University of Missouri System, Missouri S&T combines the advantages of a focused STEM mission with the breadth and resources of a major public research university.

MISSOURI S&T AT A GLANCE

- Founded in 1870
- One of four universities in the University of Missouri System
- More than 7,000 students
- More than 100 degree programs
- Over 300 faculty members
- More than $100 million in annual research expenditures
- Carnegie R1 research classification, achieved 2025
- Ranked 8th nationally, and 2nd among public universities, by the *Wall Street Journal* for best salaries
- Home to the Kummer Institute, made possible by a $300 million gift, the largest single gift in Missouri higher education history



MISSOURI S&T

Rolla, Missouri

ABOUT ROLLA

Located in Rolla, Missouri, approximately 100 miles southwest of St. Louis, Missouri S&T offers an exceptional quality of life, with a safe and welcoming community, outstanding outdoor recreation, and strong connections to one of the nation's major technology and manufacturing corridors.

COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING AND COMPUTING

The college consists of nine academic departments dedicated to excellence in teaching, research, and engagement. It offers 18 undergraduate engineering and computing programs, all ABET accredited where applicable, together with master's and doctoral programs across every department.

The college is nationally recognized for producing highly sought-after graduates, maintaining strong partnerships with industry, and conducting impactful research across a broad spectrum of engineering and computing disciplines.

Faculty lead internationally recognized research programs while preparing graduates who consistently rank among the nation's best for career outcomes and return on investment.

RANKED AMONG THE NATION'S BEST

U.S. NEWS & WORLD REPORT 2025

UNDERGRADUATE ENGINEERING

#72	#49
OVERALL	AMONG PUBLICS

GRADUATE ENGINEERING

#76	#47
OVERALL	AMONG PUBLICS

WHY THIS POSITION?

Few opportunities offer the chance to lead a college with this combination of history, momentum, faculty excellence, industry engagement, and institutional ambition.

The next Dean will play a central role in shaping that future while working with outstanding faculty, students, alumni, and university leadership to position Missouri S&T among the nation's leading technological universities.

Strategic Priorities

The next Dean will help lead initiatives including:

- Expanding undergraduate and graduate enrollment.
- Growing sponsored research and doctoral education.
- Strengthening Missouri S&T's national reputation.
- Integrating artificial intelligence throughout engineering education and research.
- Building deeper partnerships with industry and government.
- Increasing philanthropic support.
- Recruiting and developing exceptional faculty.
- Advancing interdisciplinary research across engineering, computing, science, business, and entrepreneurship.

COLLEGE AT A GLANCE

- Largest of Missouri S&T's three colleges
- Approximately 80% of university enrollment
- Nine academic departments
- 187 ranked faculty
- 50 staff
- Approximately 4,600 undergraduate students
- Approximately 800 graduate students
- Eighteen undergraduate engineering and computing degree programs
- Master's and doctoral programs across all departments
- CEC operating budget: $45M
- CEC annual research expenditures: $48M (3-year average)
- CEC endowment: $115M (as of May 31, 2026)
- CEC annual giving / philanthropic support: $11.4M (FY26)
- Home to major research centers including the Intelligent Systems Center, Materials Research Center, Center for Infrastructure Engineering Studies, Center for Intelligent Infrastructure, Center for Aerospace and Manufacturing Technologies, and the Kent D. Peaslee Steel Manufacturing Research Center

Key Responsibilities

The Dean serves as the chief academic and administrative officer of the College of Engineering and Computing and reports directly to the Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs. Responsibilities include:

- Provide strategic leadership for one of the nation's premier engineering colleges.
- Advance excellence in undergraduate and graduate education.
- Recruit, mentor, evaluate, and retain outstanding faculty and staff.
- Expand externally funded research and scholarly impact.
- Strengthen interdisciplinary collaboration across colleges and research centers.
- Develop and implement strategic plans aligned with university priorities.
- Lead budgeting, resource allocation, and operational planning.
- Foster innovation, entrepreneurship, and technology commercialization.
- Strengthen relationships with alumni, industry, government agencies, and donors.
- Promote diversity of thought, academic excellence, collaboration, transparency, and shared governance.
- Represent the college regionally, nationally, and internationally.

IDEAL CANDIDATE

The successful candidate will demonstrate:

- A distinguished record of scholarship sufficient for appointment as a full professor.
- Visionary academic leadership.
- Success leading complex organizations.
- Experience increasing sponsored research.
- Commitment to excellence in teaching and student success.
- Strong communication and consensus-building skills.
- Experience working effectively with industry.
- Commitment to faculty development and shared governance.
- Demonstrated fundraising and external engagement success.
- Ability to lead organizational change while building trust.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

Candidates must possess:

- An earned doctorate in an appropriate discipline.
- Credentials sufficient for appointment as a tenured full professor in the College of Engineering and Computing.
- Significant academic leadership experience.
- Demonstrated success in strategic planning, budgeting, faculty development, and organizational leadership.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Review of applications will begin on Sept. 4, 2026, and will continue until the position is filled. The priority application deadline is Oct. 26, 2026. Applicants should submit:

- Letter of interest
- Curriculum vitae

Missouri University of Science and Technology is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

Nominations and inquiries should be directed to the WittKieffer consultants supporting the search: Jessica Herrington, Lauren Bruce-Stets, and Randi Miller at MissouriST-CECDean@wittkieffer.com.

Applications should be submitted via the WittKieffer Candidate Portal at go.mst.edu/wittkieffer-portal.