Provost Fellows Application 21-22
Possible Projects Related to Provostial Objectives

Below, please find a listing of projects that are of interest to the Provost. The listing is not exhaustive. Five of the projects have extended descriptions while the rest just have titles.

Articulation Agreements with Two-Year Colleges
As the University seeks to expand and strengthen diverse paths to enrollment, this project would focus on strengthening articulation opportunities with community colleges to attract students seeking to complete their UG degree at the undergraduate level, both online and on campus. The Fellow working on this project will work with the Office of the Provost and EMSS to support the development of new articulation agreements with regional Community Colleges and to strengthen our infrastructure to support a strong transfer program. The Fellow will also work with others to develop an in-person and an online undergraduate degree completion program. An additional goal could be to develop a web-based presence for transfer students on the Drexel website that coordinates with Colleges.

Interested potential applicants should contact Vice Provost for Undergraduate Education Shivanthi Anandan to discuss their interest in this area.

Adult Learner Program Development
A new market for Drexel is attracting students who want to pursue their UG education online. This fellowship will focus on the future of online bachelor’s degrees at Drexel for both the degree completion market as well as a potential market for the traditional student. Questions to be addressed include: Does Drexel offer the right portfolio of degrees at Drexel? Are there unique interdisciplinary programs that Drexel could offer that would distinguish it from others? How does Drexel provide a supportive learning experience for adult learners?

Interested potential applicants should contact Shivanthi Anandan, Vice Provost for Undergraduate Education, and Elisabeth Van Bockstaele, Senior Vice President for Graduate and Online Education, to discuss their interest in this area.

Program Innovation
As the University seeks to expand, strengthen and enhance high-quality immersive learning experiences, and set the standard for cutting-edge, adaptable curricula, this project would focus on determining factors (both internal to Drexel and external to Drexel) that contribute to new program success. The Fellow working on this project will work with the Office of the Provost, and other university stakeholders as needed, to build guidelines for the design and delivery of new programs, based on industry standards.

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Climate Year 2021

Drexel’s commitment to Climate Year 2021 creates the opportunity to align a wide range of activities on Drexel’s campus, in the City of Philadelphia, and around the world relating to the climate crisis. In doing so, it will demonstrate the potential of such interdisciplinary, action-oriented projects to further the goals of the University’s Strategic Plan. The Fellow working on this project will help ensure that there is broad, interdisciplinary engagement in Climate Year, in supporting faculty across the campus and at the Academy of Natural Sciences, and in advancing new research and teaching opportunities. The Fellow will also partner with ANS and Drexel’s civic engagement initiatives to connect Climate Year goals to community participation. Finally, the Fellow will help support the culminating report on Climate Year, which will provide valuable feedback on how to frame similarly comprehensive and cross-cutting initiatives as part of the Strategic Plan.

Interested applicants should contact Lucy Kerman, Senior Vice Provost of University and Community Partnerships, to discuss their interest in this opportunity.

Undergraduate Student Retention and Engagement Programs

As the University seeks to expand and strengthen diverse paths to enrollment, this project would focus on strengthening curricular and co-curricular resources that improve student satisfaction, academic success and retention. The Fellow working on this project will work with the Office of the Provost, and other stakeholders as needed, to strengthen our curricular and co-curricular framework to support undergraduate student academic success.

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Other Possible Projects

Projects related to the following topics are also of interest to the Provost’s Office senior leadership:

- Diversity, Equity and Inclusion
- Continuing Education
- University-Wide Clinical Partnerships (health related)
- Discounts/Pricing/Tuition Reset (F2F and Online) Strategies to Increase NTR
- Communicating Academic Value Proposition
- Strategies and Tactics for Development/Expansion of Transdisciplinary Teaching, Research and Scholarship Efforts/Programs
- Summer/Pipeline Programs – How to grow new markets with summer programs?