

Carnegie Mellon Names JAMES H. GARRETT PROVOST

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Carnegie Mellon University named James H. Garrett Jr. as the university's next provost and chief academic officer in November 2018 after a rigorous, comprehensive and international search. Garrett was dean of the university's College of Engineering and the Thomas Lord Professor of Civil and Environmental Engineering. He is a three-time alumnus of Carnegie Mellon and began his duties as provost on January 1.

Garrett reports directly to President Farnam Jahanian, serving as a key member of his leadership team and with primary responsibility for ensuring academic excellence across the university. As the university's chief academic officer, Garrett oversees academic activities across CMU's campuses and programs around the world and is instrumental in long-range institutional and academic planning and implementation.

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the university to even higher levels of academic distinction and international recognition."

As dean, Garrett leveraged partnerships both regionally and globally to advance research and educational opportunities with a deep commitment to the integration of research and teaching across engineering, science, arts and business. He broadened the impact of campuses in Kigali, Rwanda, and Silicon Valley, California, and through his fundraising efforts has transformed the environment for the College of Engineering and increased

the college's connectivity with the rest of the university. The College of Engineering is currently ranked sixth for both graduate and undergraduate education, according to *U.S. News & World Report*.

"I am deeply honored to serve Carnegie Mellon as its next provost," Garrett said. "I am committed to working across the entire university and to partner with students, faculty and staff to better understand the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead. Together, I know we can continue to make an extraordinary difference in the world."

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Garrett was chosen from an international pool of candidates. The search was led by a committee composed of representatives from each of Carnegie Mellon's schools and colleges. Richard Scheines, dean of the Dietrich College of Humanities and Social Sciences, chaired the search, and Mary Jo Dively, Carnegie Mellon's vice president and general counsel, served as co-chair.

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teaching interests focus on the use of sensor systems in civil and environmental engineering.

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"After an exhaustive six-month search process that involved dozens of highly qualified candidates with diverse backgrounds from across the globe, we were delighted to have found someone who, according to virtually all of the faculty, student, staff and leadership constituencies we involved in the search, truly stood out," Scheines said. "Jim's integrity, sincere enthusiasm for collaboration, success as a leader within Carnegie Mellon, vision for CMU's future and devotion to the whole institution all impressed the committee. We were unanimously delighted with the choice, and we all look forward to working closely with him."

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Garrett received his bachelor's, master's and doctorate degrees in civil engineering from CMU's College of Engineering. He joined the faculty in 1990 and has served as dean of the college for the past six years.

Previously, Garrett was the head of Carnegie Mellon's Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering from 2006 to 2012. He served as the College of Engineering's associate dean for graduate and faculty affairs from 2000 to 2006. An elected fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, Garrett's research and

"I have great confidence that Jim understands the challenges and opportunities facing the whole university," said Charlie White, head of CMU's School of Art and member of the provost search committee. "He is a strong partner and advocate for the arts at CMU. Jim is keenly aware of the importance of creative process, the value of cultural activity and the necessity of experimental practice across the five schools within the College of Fine Arts. Most importantly, he understands the paramount role that the arts will play when envisioning the future of Carnegie Mellon University."

Laurie R. Weingart, the Richard M. and Margaret S. Cyert Professor of Organizational Behavior and Theory at the Tepper School of Business, served as interim provost since July 2017.

"I am profoundly grateful to Laurie Weingart for her exceptional service as interim provost," Jahanian said. "Over the past year and a half, Laurie has been an invaluable partner for me and the entire executive management team, advancing academic priorities of the university during a time of extraordinary momentum."

Weingart, a renowned expert in organizational behavior, will return to the faculty and plans to launch an initiative focused on applied research on collaboration and conflict.

The university appointed an interim dean for the College of Engineering and launched a search for Garrett's successor in this critical position.