

The African University Shaping Futures in the Service of Humanity



Unisa is a leading contributor to the South African graduate pool. Unisa offers a wide range of quality programmes to a third of all higher education students in the country as well as students from other African countries and internationally. At the forefront of this, is ODeL – Open Distance e-Learning – the cornerstone of UNISA's unique positioning nationally and globally – a differentiator like no other, giving accessibility of its programs to the remotest of South Africa's rural communities, as well as to the rest of the continent and the world.

Leading the academic agenda of the university during and Post Covid-19 requires a unique combination of the following critical skills: strong visionary leadership that can anticipate and manage disruption, strong interpersonal and communication skills, demonstrable knowledge of digital platforms of learning, digital migration, datafication and scalable systems for teaching and learning, strategic collaborative thinking and foresight, adaptability and decisiveness.

Academic Partners has been exclusively mandated to identify and assess talent for the following key position.

Registrar

Your Doctoral Degree, and outstanding experience of no less than 10 years' in higher education, as well as a minimum of 5 years' experience in senior management, sets you apart from the rest as the head of academic administration.

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You have a demonstrable understanding of UNISA's ODeL model and the role of modern technologies such as 4IR in delivering this model, with a clear understanding of the role of online platforms in Student Support, as well as a commitment to instituting scalable digital solutions and online platform migration where merited. You prioritize a student-centric approach and making use of the statutory and policy framework to enhance the online learning experience in the Virtual Learning Environment as envisioned in the UNISA 2030 Strategy. Because you thrive on the extraordinary, the complexity and diversity of a mega-university with circa 400,000 students is highly appealing to you. Your ability to manage complex stakeholder relationships involving students, staff, governance structures, donors and the regulator is indisputable.

Your role as statutory Secretary to the Council, Senate, Convocation and the Institutional Forum requires you to advise these governance structures to ensure that policy and decision making are executed as provided for in the institutional statute.

You find 'the new normal', as sprung on us by the Covid-19 pandemic, intriguing and as a positive challenge. A challenge that supports the disadvantaged, provides an enabling environment for effective learning through the provision of the appropriate tools and devices. This support would also make a significant contribution to policies as they would simultaneously apply to the Covid-19 pandemic and to enabling the implementation of the UNISA ODeL Operating Model. You are known for your outstanding knowledge of the Higher Education legislation, ideological orientation, democratic centralisation and qualitative leaning, and as such you provide strategic direction as it applies to overall operations and the annual performance review, as determined by DHET. Strong attributes include operational and political savviness and a natural ability to engage and negotiate with all stakeholders. Your student support and relationship models are inclusive and underpinned by innovative, professional and technical competence. You lend your fullest support to transformation, diversity and inclusivity, respecting the institution's charter and long-term strategic initiatives. Driving high performance while competently managing regular performance reviews is something you do with aplomb. You take pride in participating in institutional governance structures and stakeholder facilitation and management.

The executive team of Academic Partners stands eager and willing to assist applicants with every level of support in making application. In the first instance, please provide this team with a letter of motivation for your candidature together with a detailed Curriculum Vitae, before the closing date of **21 August 2020** to registrar.unisa@talenting.co.za.

For further information please visit: <https://www.executivetalenting.co.za/job/ap573-registrar/> or <https://www.unisa.ac.za/vacancies>

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