

# POSITION PROFILE

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## Dean, School of Engineering, Computing, and Construction Management

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## ABOUT ROGER WILLIAMS UNIVERSITY

**Roger Williams University's mission is to strengthen society through engaged teaching, learning, and research.**

Roger Williams University (RWU) prepares students to be successful leaders and innovators in today's rapidly changing world. The distinctive focus on original research, engaged learning, and hands-on apprenticeships, practicums, and clinical learning opportunities provides students with real-world experiences, on and off campus, that empower them to be career- and job-ready, to succeed immediately and to continue to advance throughout their careers. The commitment to academic excellence, engaged learning, and student success is the foundation of the university's mission. RWU delivers a world-class education and inclusive student experience.

RWU offers 45 majors and has 70+ minors available. RWU has robust offerings of graduate and professional programs across eight schools of study, including Rhode Island's only law school, with campuses on the coast of Bristol and in the heart of Providence, RI.

A proud distinction of the university is the small class sizes. Our 14-to-1 faculty-to-student ratio allows students expansive access to our faculty—as instructors, academic advisors, and mentors. This enables personal attention in the classroom, and a personalized focus on undergraduate and graduate research and community engagement. A Roger Williams education blends the strength of liberal arts and professional studies, providing all students with the depth and breadth of interdisciplinary thinking and well-rounded knowledge necessary to succeed in this interconnected, global world. RWU is strengthening society through engaged teaching, learning, and research so that students graduate with the ability to think critically and apply the practical skills that today's employers demand.

Roger Williams University seeks to recruit and support a broadly diverse community of faculty and staff. RWU values diversity, equity and inclusion and respect for all races, genders, identities, and abilities and is committed to creating a thriving community that encourages lifelong learning, professional development, and academic innovation. To learn more about Roger Williams University's commitment and support of diversity and inclusion, please visit <https://www.rwu.edu/who-we-are/diversity-equity-inclusion>.

## University Points of Pride

- **Student-to-Faculty Ratio** and Class Size is 14:1 for undergraduate programs. Students have a more personalized experience at Roger Williams University.
- **96% of RWU graduates** succeed by securing employment or graduate school within 6 months of graduation.
- **Powerful combinations are encouraged at RWU and** cross disciplines, majors, minors, graduate programs, JD, internships, leadership opportunities, research collaborations, and student activities.
- **Location matters at RWU** with our coastal location housing an innovative aquatic animal diagnostic lab and the state's only shellfish hatchery. The proximity to the ocean allows students to explore the aquatic world through lectures, labs, fieldwork, and independent research.
- **Real-world learning** is engrained through our undergraduate curriculum with an Experiential Learning Requirement.
- **SECCM's Applied Learning Labs** offer real-world experience with new labs activated each year. The Richard L. Bready Applied Learning Laboratories is a 27,325-square-foot building with seven advanced labs and senior-design project rooms.
- **Global opportunities for our students** include innovative faculty-led programs, international partnerships (e.g., in the Dominican Republic that span multiple disciplines), and external program providers offering experiences around the world.
- **RWU is the only School of Law in the state of Rhode Island** and is ABA accredited receiving recognition for 'best price'. Students provide our local communities with pro bono legal services, serving real needs within our communities with more than 100 hours of service before graduation.
- **RWU Extension School serves a wide variety of learners** from our Providence campus offering certificates, associate's/bachelor's degrees, and professional training, apprenticeships, and micro-credentials.

## Leadership



In 2019 Ioannis Miaoulis (pronounced YAH-nis Me-OW-lis) was appointed the 11th president of Roger Williams University. Prior to his appointment at RWU, President Miaoulis served as the President and Director of the Museum of Science in Boston and as the Assistant Provost and Dean of the School of Engineering at Tufts University. He has led large-scale efforts to spark passion for innovation and Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) education among young learners around the world.

President Miaoulis has helped lead transformations at the university in leadership, philanthropy and planning. Under his tenure, RWU announced [a \\$20 million partnership with Cummings Foundation](#) and dedicated the Cummings School of Architecture and the new Cummings Institute for Real Estate. He has also overseen the opening of the Richard L. Bready Applied

Learning Labs, a state-of-the-art experiential learning building in engineering, computing and construction management; the transformation of the School of Engineering, Computing and Construction Management as a hub of science and emerging technology innovation, featuring a new interdisciplinary Data and Modeling Lab; and the opening of an interdisciplinary Design Thinking Studio in the Mario J. Gabelli School of Business.



Margaret Everett has served as the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs since 2020. She is the strategic leader across RWU's six schools of study and the RWU Extension School collaborating with faculty and staff on the design of new academic models and programs that enhance the university's mission to strengthen society through engaged teaching and learning. Previously she has served as Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs at Lesley University and as Dean of Graduate Students and Vice Provost for International Affairs at Portland State University.

Dr. Everett holds a PhD and M.Phil in anthropology from Yale University and a Bachelor of Arts in Latin American Studies from Smith College. She has published extensively in the areas of public health and urbanization in Latin America through an anthropological and sociological lens.

## Strategic Action Plan

With a unique mix of liberal arts and professional programs, top-notch faculty, the state's only law school, and hubs of innovation in Providence and Bristol, Rhode Island, RWU is poised to align its efforts and provide what the world needs from a modern, comprehensive university. As a result, the university continually seeks new partners, adapts strategies and focuses on making a difference with the communities and organizations served by the institution.

Five strategic priorities emerged from the Strategic Action Plan. These provide a guiding framework for the years ahead for collective, divisional, and individual initiatives across the university. They include seeking ongoing opportunities to engage with the RWU community, the greater community and industry partners; refining efforts toward that goal continually; seeking new solutions; and using integration of institutional efforts and academic planning as an ongoing and iterative culture of planning. [Click here to learn more about RWU's action plan.](#)

## Accreditations

Roger Williams University is accredited by several different accreditation bodies, including the New England Commission of Higher Education (NECHE), the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (ABET), the American Council for Construction Education (ACCE), the Association to Advance Collegiate Business Schools (AACSB), and the American Bar Association (ABA), among others. [Click here to view all RWU's accreditations.](#)



# ABOUT THE SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING, COMPUTING, AND CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT



The School of Engineering, Computing and Construction Management (SECCM) is a nationally-recognized leader in undergraduate education in the disciplines of Engineering, Computing, and Construction Management.

The Engineering major is accredited by the Engineering Accreditation Commission of [ABET](#) under the General Criteria. The Bachelor of Science in Computer Science is accredited by the Computing Accreditation Commission of ABET under the General Criteria and the Computer Science Program Criteria. The American

Council for Construction Education (ACCE) accredits the Construction Management major. The B.S. in Cybersecurity & Networking program of study is validated by the National Security Agency (NSA).

Our curricula provide strong technical grounding within the selected discipline along with excellent written and oral communications skills. All of our programs incorporate the university's general education requirement, which assures students of an extensive and effective background in the transdisciplinary study of the social sciences and humanities. All our programs provide the option to attain additional specialization in technical or managerial subject areas.

All Engineering majors are encouraged to take the Fundamentals of Engineering (FE) examination and faculty with PEs provide guidance and support. Construction Management majors are encouraged to take the Associate Constructor examination. SECCM supports these examinations by providing financial and administrative assistance for our students.

The University's Center for Career & Professional Development coordinates intern opportunities for all four SECCM undergraduate programs. Students are encouraged to belong to the one of the many active student clubs on campus including the Roger Engineering Society, the Robotics Innovation Club, the Society of Women Engineers, Engineers without Borders, the Construction Management Student Club, and the Computer Science and Scripting Club, and clubs affiliated with professional societies including the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE); the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME); the Institute for Electrical and Electronic Engineers (IEEE); the Construction Management Association of America (CMAA); the Associated General Contractors of America (AGC); the Mechanical Contractors Association of America (MCAA). The top 20% of the CM class are inducted into Sigma Lambda Chi, the Construction Management honor society. SECCM women also lead the Society of Women Engineers (SWE) and National Association of Women in Construction (NAWIC) student organizations.

## School of Engineering, Computing and Construction Management Highlights

- 100% placement of graduates in employment or in graduate schools within six months of graduation, and 100% SECCM graduates land their first jobs in their targeted industries, such as engineering, defense, construction, manufacturing, technology, or consulting.
- The School of Engineering, Computing, and Construction Management enjoys state-of-the-art facilities in the newest building on the Bristol campus, The Richard L. Bready Applied Learning Laboratories. Designed to foster collaboration and innovation while offering high-tech resources for experiential learning, the three-floor, 27,325-square-foot building, features seven cutting-edge laboratories, senior design project rooms, and open spaces dedicated to hands-on education.
- Engineering at RWU is unique in its structure: a broad, liberal arts-infused foundation of math, science, and engineering layered with an in-depth specialization in civil, computer, electrical, environmental, or mechanical engineering or a customized study. Through this accredited program, students develop the creativity and flexibility to solve practical problems that benefit humanity in our complex and rapidly changing world.
- Computer Science is about more than performing calculations and learning specific programming languages -- it's about precision, problem solving, and creating technology services and solutions that will work in an increasingly complex future. With coursework that combines solid theory, real-world practice, and specialization options, RWU students are ready for high-demand career fields from app developers to large scale software systems designers.
- The accredited undergraduate Construction Management program at RWU prepares future leaders of residential, commercial, and highway building. Through classes, labs, and hands-on projects in engineering, business, math, science, law, and liberal arts, students learn how to manage construction projects from start to finish—including scheduling, budgeting, choosing materials, and safely supervising people. Construction employers regularly report that our graduates exceed expectations for performance.
- Cybersecurity & Networking at RWU prepares students to defend digital infrastructure in a world where cyber threats evolve daily. This hands-on program blends computer science fundamentals with real-world cybersecurity applications—covering network security, cyber law, digital forensics, ethical hacking, and systems administration. Whether pursuing a career in cyber defense, network engineering, or information security, our students graduate with the technical expertise and ethical grounding to protect data, systems, and organizations across every industry.
- [SECCM's comprehensive strategic plan](#) provides details of SECCM's mission, vision, and commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion.

# THE OPPORTUNITY

## Dean, School of Engineering, Computing and Construction Management



Under the direction of the Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs, the School of Engineering, Computing, and Construction Management Dean is the principal academic of the school and advances the mission of the university, contributes both academic and administrative leadership, and provides the first level of review for matters within the school. The Dean will provide and manage effective support mechanisms for faculty and students and assist in the development and implementation of the school's long-range strategic plan and diversity initiatives. The Dean provides leadership and management for the school in the areas of the quality and content of the curriculum, successful student outcomes, budgeting, and faculty and staff recruitment and development. Additionally, the Dean is responsible for new program development and represents the school externally with employers, donors, and industry.

### Essential Functions/Characteristics

- Provide leadership for and oversee the development, coordination, organization, scheduling and supervision of instructional programs in the school, and promote interdisciplinary collaboration with programs in other academic units of the university.
- Provide leadership for school strategic planning efforts and participate in university strategic planning as part of the academic leadership team.
- Articulate the annual and longer-term goals of the school.
- Oversee the development of curriculum initiatives, including graduate program development, with faculty, and shepherd those initiatives through the appropriate approval process.
- Develop, maintain, and manage budgets according to the timeline of the university, review proposed budgets, and make recommendations to the provost.

- Allocate resources to the programs within the school, including faculty, support staff, budgets, and space.
- Plan, develop, and manage the school's day-to-day operations.
- Ensure that reports, course schedules, and other written material are submitted in a timely manner.
- Support faculty in teaching, scholarship, and grant writing.
- Provide leadership in hiring, retaining, mentoring, managing, and evaluating faculty and non-faculty staff.
- Ensure the school's compliance with all program and institutional accreditation standards and external regulatory and accreditation standards/bodies, where applicable, including oversight and support of program assessment and evaluation.
- Proactively pursue and participate in fundraising and grant proposals either personally or through faculty and/or staff members of the school.
- Administer and maintain accurate records for students, faculty, and staff, such as advising reports, professional development plans, annual evaluations, and other personnel records as appropriate for specific program needs and responsibilities of the school.
- Provide oversight for the promotion, tenure, and post-tenure review process and recommend faculty reappointments, promotions, tenure, sabbatical leaves, committee appointments, and other teaching program assignments to the provost within the parameters of the faculty contract.
- Participate in admissions activities, including orientation sessions, open houses, admissions days and other programs for prospective students.
- Resolve student or faculty concerns and complaints.

## **Additional Functions**

- Periodically teach an in-discipline course, schedule permitting and in consultation with the provost.
- Respect and maintain confidentiality, parameters of operation, professional protocols, and individual privacy.
- Perform other administrative/instructional duties assigned by provost.

## **Required Qualifications**

- Terminal degree in a field of study relevant to the programs within the School of Engineering, Computing, and Construction Management.
- A record of successful teaching and scholarship.
- Experience with program leadership and faculty development.
- Ability to relate to and work with students in various aspects of their academic pursuits.
- Good interpersonal, management and conflict resolution skills.
- Ability to establish organizational priorities and make difficult choices among competing demands.
- Ability to foster continuous and open communication for faculty, staff, and students.





## PROCEDURE FOR CANDIDACY

Roger Williams University will begin a confidential review of application materials immediately and continue until the position is filled; parties who apply by February 15, 2026, will be given first consideration. Please include a resume, cover letter, and list of four professional references.

All applications will be held in confidence.

Questions may be directed to RWU's Provost Office via Lisa Quinn ([lquinn@rwu.edu](mailto:lquinn@rwu.edu)).







## BRISTOL & PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND

From a quaint New England town to the center of the capital city, Roger Williams University has two campuses that provide students with diverse learning experiences and opportunities. Both campuses are home to a tight-knit community of citizen scholars, leaders, world travelers, athletes, environmentalists, artists, music fans, thinkers, and doers.

RWU's main campus is located in Bristol, Rhode Island, a historic town that is home to the nation's oldest Fourth of July parade. The campus sits on a sprawling 143 acres overlooking Mount Hope Bay and is just minutes from downtown Bristol – home to restaurants, ice cream shops, boutiques, antique shops, the East Bay Bike Path, and Colt State Park. It is only a 30-minute drive to Providence and Newport, Rhode Island's beach capital, and a 60-minute drive to Boston with New York just three-hours down the road.

**Bristol** is ranked among:

- [Best small towns in America](#)
- [Safest Cities in America](#)
- Most Interesting U.S. Destinations

In addition to our Bristol location, we also have a campus in Providence, RI, home of RWU EXT, which offers flexible programs in the trades as well as professional studies. The Providence campus also hosts the MBA program, several graduate program classes, and our Law School clinics.



**Providence** is dubbed the Creative Capital, and the city is home to amazing restaurants, concerts, festivals and the internationally-acclaimed WaterFire. It's consistently rated as one of America's favorite food cities by *Travel + Leisure* magazine and is filled with great shops and a thriving music scene.

**Click here to learn more:**

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City of Providence: <https://www.providenceri.gov/>