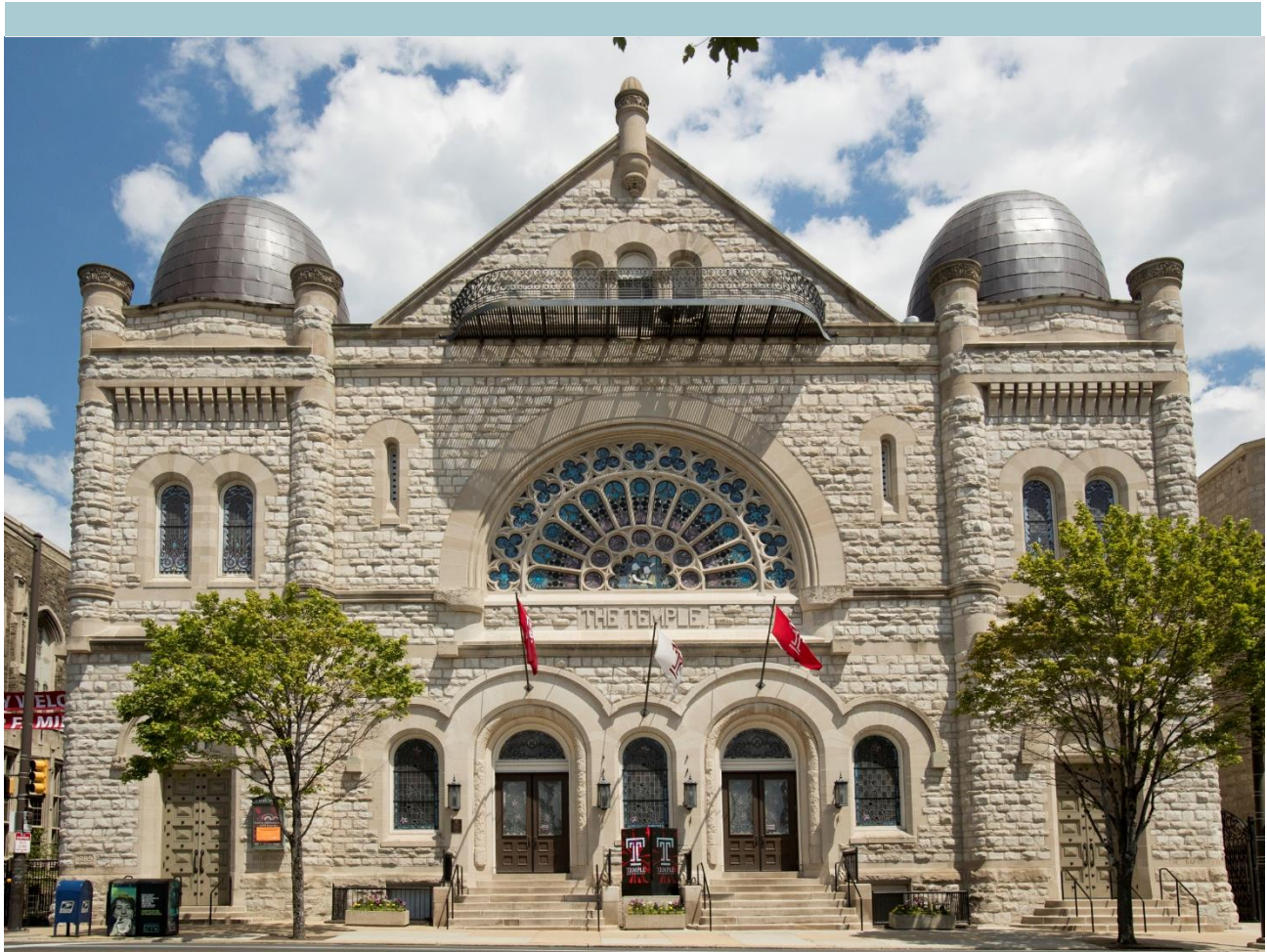




Senior Vice President and Provost Leadership Profile

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Executive Summary

Temple University, a vibrant R1 public research institution in the heart of Philadelphia, invites inquiries, nominations and applications for the position of senior vice president and provost. This is a moment of extraordinary momentum and promise for Temple, as the university builds on its proud legacy of access and excellence under the experienced leadership of [President John Fry](#).

Founded in 1884 to serve working-class Philadelphians, Temple remains deeply committed to its mission of providing a high-quality, affordable education that transforms lives and strengthens communities. Since then, Temple has evolved into one of the nation's most comprehensive and globally engaged urban public research universities, with 17 schools and colleges, more than 600 academic programs and more than 32,000 students across eight campuses – including international locations in Rome, Tokyo and Kyoto.

The university's institutional budget for FY2024 was approximately \$1.2 billion, with a workforce of more than 8,100 faculty and staff. Notably, Temple received a record number of undergraduate deposits from first year admitted students for the Class of 2029, reflecting its growing reputation and appeal.

Temple is a catalyst for innovation, discovery and opportunity. The university consistently ranks among the top public research universities in the nation, with annual research expenditures exceeding \$300 million.

Temple Health, a \$2.8 billion academic health system, is an integral part of the university's mission. It is dedicated to delivering access to high-quality, accessible patient care while advancing excellence in medical education and research. Through its hospitals, physician practices and research centers, Temple Health plays a vital role in improving health outcomes for communities across the region and beyond.

The new provost will join Temple at a pivotal juncture. The university is undertaking an update of its strategic plan, which reaffirms its commitment to student success, research excellence and civic engagement. The provost will play a central role in executing this vision, serving as the chief academic officer and a key partner to the president, the board of trustees and the university's senior leadership team.

Reporting directly to the president, the provost oversees all academic initiatives and has a broad portfolio that includes curriculum and program development, accreditation and licensure, faculty recruitment and retention, research and graduate education, enrollment management, student affairs, global engagement, libraries and press and information technology. The provost will lead a dynamic, dedicated academic community and will be expected to foster a culture of innovation, inclusive excellence and shared purpose.

Temple seeks a visionary and collaborative leader who brings a deep understanding of the evolving higher education landscape, outstanding interpersonal and management skills and a passion for Temple's mission. The ideal candidate will be a strategic thinker, compelling communicator, thoughtful listener and proven academic leader with the experience and integrity to inspire trust and drive institutional progress.

This position is a rare and exciting opportunity to help shape the future of one of the country's great urban public universities. For information on how to apply or nominate a candidate, please see Procedure for Candidacy at the end of this document.



Role of the Senior Vice President and Provost

The senior vice president and provost serves as Temple University's chief academic officer and a key senior leader of the institution, responsible for the academic integrity, vitality and vision of the institution. Reporting to the president, the provost provides intellectual and administrative leadership across all academic units and plays a central role in shaping the university's strategic direction.

The provost leads a broad and complex academic enterprise that spans 17 schools and colleges, multiple campuses and a diverse array of undergraduate, graduate and professional programs. In partnership with deans, faculty and senior administrators, the provost ensures the quality and relevance of Temple's academic offerings, supports the recruitment and development of exceptional faculty and advances a culture of inclusive excellence in teaching, research and service.

As a senior member of the university's leadership team, the provost is instrumental in aligning academic priorities with institutional planning and resource allocation. The provost oversees academic budgeting, faculty affairs, enrollment strategy and student life and works closely with the president and board of trustees to ensure that academic goals are integrated into the university's broader mission and operations.

The provost also plays a vital role in fostering shared governance, supporting innovation in pedagogy and scholarship and championing student success across all dimensions of the Temple experience. Through strategic leadership and collaborative engagement, the provost helps position Temple as a model of urban public higher education – locally anchored, globally engaged and future focused.

In addition, the provost is charged with expanding access and opportunity for all learners and ensuring that Temple remains a national leader in providing a high-value, affordable education. The provost fosters a university-wide culture of innovation and continuous improvement, encouraging bold thinking, experimentation and excellence in teaching, research and service. As the university's chief academic ambassador, the provost plays a key role in elevating Temple's national and global visibility, strengthening its reputation as a destination for top talent and a leader in urban public higher education. The provost also supports and enhances the university's productivity in research, scholarship and creative activity across disciplines. As Temple embarks on a new advancement campaign, the provost will play an important role in supporting the development of resources to strengthen Temple's academic programs through cultivating donor relationships and partnering on fundraising efforts.

The provost's [senior staff](#) provides leadership to a wide range of administrative units, while the [Council of Deans](#) leads academic initiatives in the schools and colleges.

Administrative Units within the Portfolio

The following units report to the provost and reflect the breadth of the academic and operational responsibilities entrusted to this role:

Academic Affairs, Assessment and Institutional Research: Working in close collaboration with the schools, colleges and academic departments, Academic Affairs, Assessment and Institutional Research manages a wide variety of institutional effectiveness initiatives including institutional research, outcomes assessment, accreditation, program review and academic program, curriculum and unit changes and provides data and research to inform decision making.

Enrollment Management and Student Success: Enrollment Management leads and supports university-wide initiatives focused on student recruitment, enrollment and retention, productive and holistic engagement during a student's academic journey and positive outcomes.

Faculty Affairs: Faculty Affairs oversees key processes and events throughout the faculty lifecycle from hiring to retirement and has oversight of the Center for the Advancement of Teaching.

Graduate School: The Graduate School oversees graduate education at Temple which offers 180 master's and 68 doctoral degree programs.

Global Engagement: The Global Engagement Office leads the university's international initiatives, promoting globalization as a core value and integrating global perspectives across academic and co-curricular programs.

Information Technology Services (ITS): ITS is the central information technology group providing shared technical infrastructure, systems and support for the university.

Libraries and Press: Temple University Libraries and the University Press support the academic mission by connecting people and ideas to enhance learning, research, clinical practice and creativity.

Research: The Office of the Vice President for Research empowers students, faculty, staff and alumni innovators in a world-class research and knowledge enterprise that addresses complex and urgent global challenges.

Strategic Initiatives: The vice provost for strategic initiatives provides leadership and support in academic and institutional planning and in identifying, developing and assessing institutional strategic priorities.

Student Affairs: The Division of Student Affairs fosters a dynamic, inclusive and supportive environment where every student can thrive. It plays a crucial role in guiding and empowering students to achieve their academic, personal and professional goals.

Undergraduate Studies: Undergraduate Studies develops and implements university-wide student-centered academic programs and services and ensures that the undergraduate curriculum and academic policies support Temple's academic mission and student success.

University College: University College leads Temple's efforts to offer students flexible, accessible and high-quality educational opportunities for adult learners and non-traditional students, offering credit, non-credit and continuing education programs that support lifelong learning and workforce development.

The provost is supported by an administrative and operational team that plays a critical role in advancing the academic mission. This team provides strategic communication and design support

for the provost and the academic portfolio, helping to elevate teaching and research excellence to both internal and external audiences. It also oversees and manages key operational areas including fiscal, administrative, personnel and space matters across the academic enterprise. In addition, the unit serves as a liaison to university business and building managers to enhance coordination and ensure operational efficiency.



Opportunities and Expectations for Leadership

Beyond the day-to-day oversight of academic affairs at Temple, the next provost will be expected to advance key strategic university priorities including:

- **Develop and champion a clear and compelling academic and research vision**

Temple has embarked on an update of its 2022 Strategic Plan that will allow the university to reassess its current goals and strengthen its commitments while incorporating the input of all its primary audiences. The goal of the update is to ensure that Temple's institutional priorities align with the evolving needs of its students, faculty, staff, alumni and the surrounding North Philadelphia community and that those priorities are supported by corporate, non-profit and other university partnerships. It will also help position Temple for the future, ensuring the university has maximum impact on a local, national and global level.

The update will be completed in December 2025, and the new provost will be expected to serve as a trusted partner in representing the academic and research mission and agenda – and the interests of the faculty – to all university leaders, including the president, the cabinet and the board of trustees. The provost's unwavering commitment to Temple's academic and research goals and ideals will be a critical boost to achieving the university's aspirations over the life of the strategic plan, with the goal of materially enhancing Temple's academic quality, reputation and outcomes.

Accordingly, the new provost will be asked to:

- **Foster student success**

President Fry has posited that student success is Temple's North Star. This is reflected in the university's recent Carnegie designation as both R1 and a top [opportunity college and university](#), one of just 21 institutions nationwide to earn both distinctions, as well as in the university's recent invitation to join the prestigious University Innovation Alliance.

The provost will lead initiatives to build on this progress, further improving retention and graduation rates, closing equity gaps and ensuring that every student has the support and opportunity to thrive. This includes implementation of a new model for undergraduate General Education for 21st century learners, fostering a culture of shared accountability for student outcomes across all academic units and ensuring that Temple's academic and student experience is inclusive, engaging and transformative.

- **Advance scholarship and innovation**

The new provost will work to advance interdisciplinary and collaborative scholarship and innovation at Temple, propelling the institution to the forefront of global research leadership across the university's offerings. This includes the support and encouragement of technology commercialization that helps turn groundbreaking research and innovation into real-world impact that can transform communities. The provost will also play a key leadership role in developing a new health sciences partnership, ensuring academic excellence, integration and alignment with Temple's broader mission and goals and advancing interprofessional education, research and clinical practice.

➤ **Strengthen Temple's civic and community engagement**

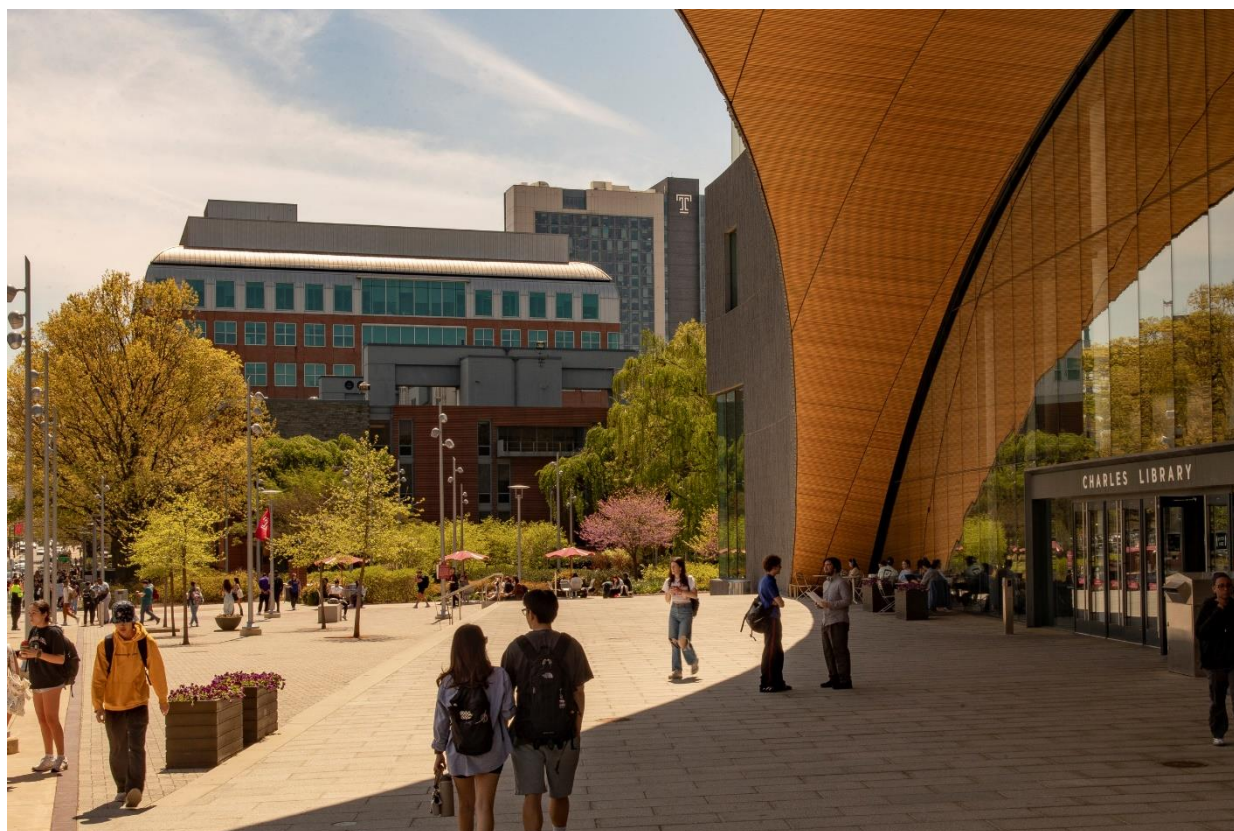
Temple's identity is deeply tied to its role as a public-serving urban university. The provost will work to deepen Temple's partnerships with Philadelphia communities, expand engaged scholarship, provide service-learning opportunities and ensure that Temple's academic mission contributes to the well-being and vitality of the city and region. This includes supporting initiatives that connect Temple's academic strengths to the needs of North Philadelphia and beyond.

▪ **Assess and optimize academic programs and structure**

In a rapidly changing higher education landscape, the provost will assess and optimize Temple's academic offerings and organizational structure to ensure excellence and ongoing relevance. This includes aligning programs with workforce needs, enhancing experiential learning and supporting innovation in pedagogy and delivery. A core priority will be to assess Temple's academic program quality, cost and demand. The overarching goal is to ensure that Temple's academic "product" supports the long-term success of its students and their viability in a dynamic workplace.

▪ **Cultivate a high-performing academic leadership culture**

Temple's provost will have the opportunity to lead and work alongside a highly professional and seasoned cohort of academic deans, fostering a shared culture and orientation among these leaders. As a partner and leader, the provost will support their continued development and impact by facilitating engagement in university-wide strategic planning, promoting data-informed decision making and driving continuous improvement across all academic units.



Professional Qualifications and Personal Qualities

Temple University seeks a provost who brings a record of distinguished scholarship, inclusive leadership and strategic vision. The successful candidate will possess the academic stature, operational expertise and interpersonal acumen to lead a large, complex and mission-driven public research university. Ideal candidates will bring most, if not all, of the following qualifications and attributes:

- **Academic credentials:** An earned doctorate or terminal degree, and a scholarly record that merits appointment as a tenured full professor at Temple. The provost should be recognized as a thought leader or contributor in their field and possess the academic stature to inspire the respect of Temple's accomplished faculty.
- **Mission alignment:** A deep appreciation for Temple's mission and values, including its commitment to academic and research excellence, access, affordability, diversity and community and civic engagement.
- **Leadership:** A record of successful leadership in a comparably complex organization. The provost should demonstrate the ability to set priorities, lead change and enhance academic quality across a broad portfolio. The provost should have a results-oriented mindset with the ability to meet goals in a timely manner.
- **Research leadership:** A strong understanding of the research enterprise and of the infrastructure necessary to support a thriving R1 environment. The provost should be able to foster partnerships with government, industry and community stakeholders, as well as across separate academic units at the university, to grow Temple's research impact.
- **Faculty and staff development:** Experience recruiting, retaining and supporting a diverse and talented faculty and staff. The provost should be skilled in mentoring academic leaders, fostering professional growth and building strong, collaborative and highly effective teams.
- **Student-centered focus:** A passion for student learning, development and well-being, with a track record of advancing initiatives that improve retention, close equity gaps and enhance the student experience at both the undergraduate and graduate levels.
- **Academic innovation:** A creative and future-oriented mindset with the ability to foster innovation in teaching, learning and research. The provost should have a record of success in advancing interdisciplinary collaboration, technology-enhanced pedagogy and new models of academic delivery.
- **Operational and organizational expertise:** Demonstrated experience in academic budgeting, space planning, enrollment strategy and institutional planning. The provost should be adept at aligning resources with strategic priorities, managing complex academic operations and facilitating processes from concept to implementation.
- **Financial acumen:** Experience managing large, multifaceted budgets and working in close partnership with senior leadership to ensure financial sustainability. Familiarity with evolving budget models and revenue diversification strategies is preferred.

- **Shared governance and labor relations:** A deep appreciation for shared governance and a demonstrated ability to work effectively in a collective bargaining environment. The provost should be committed to transparency, consultation and inclusive decision making.
- **Global and civic engagement:** A commitment to expanding Temple's global presence and strengthening its role as an anchor institution in Philadelphia. The provost should have experience building and sustaining partnerships locally, nationally and internationally.
- **Communication and interpersonal skills:** Exceptional communication skills, including the ability to listen deeply, speak with clarity and conviction and build trust across a diverse community. The provost should be a persuasive advocate for the university's academic mission.
- **Personal qualities:** Integrity, humility, resilience, optimism and a steadfast commitment to the values of higher education and public service. The provost should bring a calm and reassuring presence, a collaborative spirit and the energy and vision to lead Temple into its next era of excellence and impact.



About Temple University

Overview

Temple University was founded in 1884 as a night school for working-class Philadelphians aspiring to the American dream. As Philadelphia's only four-year public university, Temple is one of the top 50 largest public, four-year universities in America with campuses in Philadelphia and the region, Rome, Tokyo and Kyoto.

The university offers more than 600 degree and certificate programs and is among America's largest educators in the combined fields of dentistry, law, medicine, pharmacy and podiatry. In recent years, Temple students have become Rhodes, Goldwater, Knight-Hennessy, Gates Cambridge and Marshall Scholars. Temple alumni include trailblazers ranging from the first female president of Princeton University to the first Indian American anchor on ESPN.

Temple's bustling Main Campus is set against the backdrop of the Philadelphia skyline in America's first World Heritage City. Green space, athletic facilities and eclectic architecture ranging from the historic Temple Performing Arts Center to the Snohetta-designed Charles Library form a vibrant residential setting. More than 400 student organizations, as well as Temple's NCAA Division I athletic programs, thrive on campus.

Temple's momentum is fueled by growing enrollments, established and nationally recognized graduate degree programs, new facilities, and groundbreaking work in science education and research. In the latest Carnegie Classification of Institutions of Higher Education, Temple is in the "highest research activity" category, or R1, placing it among the top 4% of all four-year institutions in the nation. It has also been designated a [top opportunity college and university](#), one of just 21 institutions nationwide to earn both. Earlier this year, Temple was invited to join the University Innovation Alliance, a leading national consortium of public research universities committed to improving student success and broadening participation in higher education for all. Temple is the only Pennsylvania university represented in the alliance.

Temple continues to expand its campuses in Philadelphia and abroad. Paley Hall, the newly renovated home of the College of Public Health and School of Social Work, will open in Fall, 2025. The university also recently broke ground on the Caroline Kimmel Pavilion for Arts and Communication, which will house Klein College and the Center for Performing and Cinematic Arts and is supported by a recent \$27.5 million gift – the largest in Temple history. In September 2024, Temple Rome moved to an expanded, centrally located campus at Piazza di Spagna, providing more opportunities for high-quality instruction, experiential learning and cultural immersion. Temple University Japan opened an additional location in Kyoto in January 2025, fostering new student opportunities in a vibrant city steeped in culture and history.

Temple's total budget for FY2024 is \$4.0 billion, which includes \$2.8 billion for the Temple University Health System and \$1.2 billion for the university. Approximately 71% of the university's operating budget is derived from tuition and fees and 13% from Commonwealth appropriation. The remaining budget comes from indirect cost recovery, philanthropy, clinical revenue, auxiliary enterprises and other sources.

Temple is accredited by the Middle States Commission on Higher Education. In 2020, during its most recent reaccreditation, reviewers commended the university for its distinctive mission, which is widely valued and deeply internalized across the institution.

Founded by Russell H. Conwell in 1884, Temple's official motto – *Perseverantia Vincit*, or Perseverance Conquers – reflects its students' drive to succeed and ability to turn opportunities into accomplishments. Conwell's purpose was "to give education to those who were unable to get it through the usual channels." In Temple's earliest incarnation, working-class citizens were taught late in the evening, and referred to as "night owls," giving rise to the school's mascot and team name.

In 1965, the university became a member of the Commonwealth System of Higher Education; it is one of four state-related, comprehensive research universities in Pennsylvania. In addition to its Main Campus in North Philadelphia, Temple has three additional locations in Philadelphia: Temple University Center City; the Health Sciences Center, also in North Philadelphia; and the School of Podiatric Medicine near Philadelphia's historic district. Regional campuses are located in Ambler and Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, with international campuses in Rome and Japan.

Mission

Temple University educates a vibrant student body and creates new knowledge through innovative teaching, research and other creative endeavors. Our urban setting provides transformative opportunities for engaged scholarship; experiential learning; and discovery of self, others and the world. Temple opens its doors to a diverse community of learners and scholars who strive to make the possible real.

Temple is committed to the ideals upon which it was founded.

- Providing access to an excellent, affordable higher education that prepares students for careers, further learning and active citizenship.
- Creating a collaborative community of outstanding faculty and staff who foster inclusion and encourage the aspirations of Temple students.
- Promoting service and engagement throughout Philadelphia, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, the nation and the world.

Strategic Plan Update

Temple University is embarking on a [Strategic Plan Update](#), which builds on the foundation of the current plan, to ensure institutional priorities align with the evolving needs of students, faculty, staff, alumni and surrounding community. The timeline anticipates the update will launch in December 2025.

Academics

Temple offers 651 academic degree and certificate programs including two associate degree programs, 187 bachelor's programs, 180 master's programs, 54 doctoral programs, 14 professional practice degree programs and 214 post-secondary and graduate certificate programs. The 17 schools and colleges, including five professional-level schools, focus on providing an education that is practical, hands-on and led by expert faculty.

Colleges and Schools

Academic programs are organized into the following schools and colleges:

The [Tyler School of Art and Architecture](#) educates and inspires students to be active participants in society with the highest aspirations for creative and social achievement, individual expression, scholarly discovery and innovation. The school offers more than 40 degree programs at the undergraduate and graduate levels. The Bachelor of Fine Arts programs are also offered as a BFA with Entrepreneurial Studies or a BFA with an Art Education concentration.

The [Fox School of Business and Management](#) transforms students into responsible professionals and leaders through engagement with Fox communities committed to lifelong learning, service and the advancement of management practice. The school is accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB) International.

The [Maurice H. Kornberg School of Dentistry](#) promotes health and wellness through the comprehensive education of general and specialty dentists from all backgrounds, utilizing inter-professional collaboration; providing compassionate, comprehensive, patient-centered, evidence-based and outcome-driven oral health care; engaging in research and scholarly activities; and serving the community. Graduate programs include dental public health sciences, endodontics, oral and maxillofacial surgery, orthodontics and periodontology and oral implantology.

The [College of Education and Human Development](#) educates, supports and prepares learners and leaders to advance equitable systems and practices in schools and communities. Through research, teaching, service and community partnerships, the college creates positive change in the city of Philadelphia, the Commonwealth and beyond. The college offers 50+ degrees and certificates in undergraduate and graduate programs, situated within three academic departments: Policy, Organizational & Leadership Studies (POLS), Psychological Studies in Education (PSE) and Teaching & Learning (T&L).

The [College of Engineering](#) provides students with a high-quality and globally competitive learning experience in engineering, engineering technology and the applied sciences. The college's programs are accredited by the national accreditation board, ABET, and consist of the following departments: Bioengineering, Civil and Environmental Engineering, Electrical and Computer Engineering, Engineering, Technology and Management and Mechanical Engineering.

The [Beasley School of Law](#) is committed to excellence in teaching, learning, scholarship and service. The faculty is dedicated to preparing students to enter and continue in the legal profession with the highest level of skill possible, with a firm commitment to principles of professional responsibility and with a sense of personal obligation to lead and to serve the communities in which they live and practice.

The [College of Liberal Arts](#) prides itself on developing informed, socially aware global citizens, equipped with the transferable skills to adapt and keep pace with a rapidly evolving job market. Offering 30+ majors, 42 minors and 47 graduate programs, the College of Liberal Arts gives students the opportunity to explore a wide range of disciplines within the humanities and social sciences, including psychology and neuroscience, criminal justice, political science, philosophy, sociology, anthropology, English and foreign languages.

The [Low Klein College of Media and Communication](#) is rooted in creativity, collaboration and innovation. Located in one of the nation's largest media markets, students have a front-row seat to the ever-changing media industry. The college offers nine undergraduate programs, four graduate programs and one doctoral degree, covering all aspects of communication including interpersonal communication, media production and alternative modes of journalism.

The [Lewis Katz School of Medicine](#) strives to align with diverse communities to advance medicine and improve health through education, research, training and development of the next generation of clinicians, educators and scientists.

The [Esther Boyer College of Music and Dance](#) is committed to nurturing talented students through its high-quality programs and by promoting music and dance as art forms, as media for human expression and as subjects of intellectual inquiry. The college seeks to provide an inclusive educational community that honors the uniqueness of the individual, values diversity of perspective and affirms music and dance as central to society and culture. The college offers a diverse array of undergraduate and graduate opportunities for students to hone their craft and prepare for a professional career as well as minors, certificates and performance opportunities for non-Boyer students.

The [School of Pharmacy](#) maintains the vision of Temple's founder, Russell Conwell – to provide opportunities for people to transform their lives – even against all odds. In addition to advanced degree programs in pharmacy, pharmaceutical sciences and regulatory affairs and quality assurance, the school offers a Pre-Pharmacy (early assurance program) and bachelor's degree in Pharmaceutical Sciences.

The [School of Podiatric Medicine](#) educates a diverse, engaging and highly capable body of student doctors to be ethical, professional and prepared for licensure and entry into post-graduate medical education. The school models the commitment espoused in students through research, entrepreneurial spirit and the provision of compassionate, high-quality care to patients in Philadelphia and beyond, irrespective of socioeconomic background. The school is accredited by the Council on Podiatric Medical Education (CPME).

The [College of Public Health](#) engages in interprofessional education, community and clinical practice, impactful research and service learning with a cultural humility approach, advocating for positive change and preparing leaders to address the most pressing health issues. The college is home to the Departments of Communication Sciences and Disorders, Epidemiology and Biostatistics, Health and Rehabilitation Sciences, Health Services Administration and Policy, Nursing, and Social and Behavioral Sciences, as well as the School of Social Work, offering more than 40 academic programs across 20 disciplines and is accredited by the Council on Education for Public Health.

The [College of Science and Technology's](#) mission is to inspire, mentor and empower the next generation of scientists through transformative experiences in the classroom, the lab and around the world. In a welcoming and engaging learning environment, the college strives to meet the evolving needs of students by offering innovative academic programs, career development services and research opportunities aimed at broadening access, enhancing academic achievement and fostering life-long success. The college offers dozens of undergraduate majors



across six academic departments and more than 20 graduate programs leading to MA, MS, Professional Science Master's (PSM) and PhD degrees.

The [School of Social Work](#) is committed to eliminating social, political and economic injustices for poor and oppressed populations and advancing the quality of life for all. The school's faculty are committed to fostering societal transformation through education that emphasizes solutions and action; research that generates

evidence-based strategies to resolve problems at local, national and global levels; and public service that shares this knowledge with a wider audience. The school offers a Bachelor of Social Work (BSW) and a Master of Social Work (MSW) and is accredited by the Council on Social Work Education.

The [School of Sport, Tourism and Hospitality Management](#) has a distinguished tradition preparing leaders in the sport, recreation, tourism and hospitality industries. The innovative approach to learning combined with a location in the heart of Philadelphia fosters transformational education experiences. The school offers three undergraduate programs, two master's programs and a PhD degree in Business Administration with a concentration in Tourism and Sport accredited by (AACSB).

The [School of Theater, Film and Media Arts'](#) mission is to advance the role of film, media arts and theatrical performance in public life by preparing students for global, professional careers in film, theater and media arts, through rigorous scholarship, professional training, experiential learning, research and trans-disciplinary exploration. The school houses two outstanding departments, the Department of Film and Media Arts and the Department of Theater. The Department of Theater is accredited by the National Association of Schools of Theater (NAST).

Recent News Bulletins

- [Temple receives record number of undergraduate first-year deposits](#), July 7, 2025
- [Budget Update](#), June 18, 2025
- [Update on University Progress](#), June 6, 2025
- [Facing Uncertainty Together](#), May 29, 2025
- [Carnegie Classifications](#), May 15, 2025

Additional news bulletins may be viewed [here](#).

Leadership

President John Fry



John Fry took office as Temple University's president on Nov. 1, 2024, having established a reputation as both a civic leader in Philadelphia and national leader in higher education.

In the few months since President Fry began his tenure as Temple's president, the university has achieved several significant milestones under his leadership. In February, Temple launched Temple Future Scholars, a college pipeline program that supports low-income, first-generation-to-college students in Philadelphia public middle schools.

In Winter 2025, the university also acquired Terra Hall, the former main academic building for the University of the Arts. With this acquisition, Temple now has a prominent and permanent presence in the heart of Philadelphia, as the building will be the home for Temple's Center City campus. Then, in March, Temple joined the distinguished University Innovation Alliance (UIA) as its Pennsylvania institution. The UIA is a leading national coalition of public research universities committed to increasing the number of college graduates in the United States, and Temple is one of just 18 universities who have joined the prestigious organization. In April, the Temple community gathered to celebrate the university and the [investiture](#) of President Fry, who shared his vision and outlined key priorities for the future.

Prior to his arrival at Temple, President Fry served as president of Drexel University from 2010 to 2024, where he elevated Drexel's global presence through academic and research partnerships, major NIH and NSF research programs, as well as hubs for innovation and collaboration. Under his leadership, Drexel set a national example for the successful execution of public-private partnerships and became a powerful force for economic development in the Greater Philadelphia region. He championed major neighborhood revitalization initiatives, including the creation of a multifaceted university extension center in Mantua – the Dornsife Center for Neighborhood Partnerships – extensive economic development efforts and significant partnerships to support local neighborhood public schools.

In 2019, Drexel and Tower Health acquired St. Christopher's Hospital for Children, thereby ensuring that St. Christopher's will remain a source of health and healing, medical education and research and jobs and economic benefit for its North Philadelphia neighborhood and the broader region. President Fry spurred the creation of Schuylkill Yards, a \$3.5 billion mixed-use development on Drexel's campus, and he also oversaw historic mergers with Salus University and the Academy of Natural Sciences.

Before joining Drexel, he served as president of Franklin & Marshall College from 2002 to 2010 and executive vice president of the University of Pennsylvania from 1995 to 2002. A native of Brooklyn, N.Y., Fry graduated from Lafayette College and earned a master's degree in business administration from the New York University Stern School of Business.



Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Philadelphia is the largest city in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the sixth most populous in the United States. In the Northeastern United States, at the confluence of the Delaware and Schuylkill rivers, Philadelphia is the economic and cultural anchor of the Delaware Valley; the metropolitan area is the seventh largest in the United States and home to 6.2 million people.

Philadelphia is the center of economic activity in Pennsylvania with three Fortune 500 companies headquartered in the city in 2024, and the metropolitan area is home to twenty-six Fortune 1000 companies. Philadelphia is known for its arts, culture and history, and has five professional sports teams and one of the nation's most loyal fan bases. The city welcomed nearly 43 million people in 2024. The 67 National Historic Landmarks in the city helped account for the \$12 billion generated by tourism.

Philadelphia has a plethora of educational options with many private and public institutions. The Philadelphia School District is the eighth largest school district in the United States with 197,288 students in 217 public schools and 83 charter schools as of 2022. Philadelphia has the third-largest higher education student concentration on the East Coast and is home to 32 public and private colleges and universities.

For more information, please visit: <https://www.visitphilly.com/>.

Procedure for Candidacy

All applications, nominations and inquiries are invited. Applications should include, as separate documents, a CV or resume and a letter of interest addressing the themes in this profile.

WittKieffer is assisting Temple University in this search. Candidates are encouraged to submit their materials by no later than October 20, 2025.

Applications, nominations and inquiries can be directed to:

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Temple University is committed to a policy of equal opportunity for all in every aspect of its operations, including employment, service and educational programs. The University does not discriminate on the basis of age, color, disability, marital status, national origin or ethnic origin, race, religion, sex (including pregnancy), sexual orientation, gender identity, genetic information or veteran status.