



**Office of the Vice Provost for Online Education
Information for Administrative Fellow Applications 2023-2024**

The Vice Provost for Online Education provides leadership to Penn State's World Campus, including academic and student support to the 175+ online degree programs, minors and certificates, and works across all colleges and campuses to facilitate coordination of offerings. In addition to providing leadership to the World Campus, the Vice Provost holds the responsibility at Penn State to develop strategy and support the infrastructure to deliver a flexible, accessible, high-quality education online. An Administrative Fellow in the Office of the Vice Provost for Online Education will gain insight into pursuing strategies that leverage the assets of the World Campus for Penn State, advancing the President's goals through the work of the World Campus, and collaborating with academic leaders to help them achieve their online education goals. The Fellow will have the opportunity to engage with various leadership teams to understand each area's contributions and how each team drives Online Education's and World Campus' mission and vision, and to contribute to discussions across all stages of project development, implementation, and assessment.

Renata Engel was named Vice Provost for Online Education in 2018. A member of the Penn State faculty since 1990, she is Professor of Engineering Design and Engineering Science and Mechanics and served as the Associate Dean for Academic Programs in the College of Engineering from 2006-2014 and the Executive Director of the Schreyer Institute for Teaching Excellence from 2000-2006. Engel holds a BS in engineering science from Penn State and a PhD in engineering mechanics from the University of South Florida and is a fellow of the American Society for Engineering Education.

A Fellow in her office will have opportunity to accompany the Vice Provost to meetings and gain a broad perspective from exposure to various groups. Engel serves as a member of the Provost's Leadership Council and Academic Leadership Council and holds an administrative appointment on the Faculty Senate. She works closely with senior university leadership to foster strategic collaborations and build partnerships across all areas of the University. She often presents to the Board of Trustees Committee on Outreach, Development, and Community Relations (ODCR) in support of the university's efforts to build support among its major constituents, from faculty, staff and students to alumni and donors, business and civic leaders and elected officials. She has contributed to the leadership of several university-wide initiatives such as the One Penn State 2025 signature initiative to transform how we structure learning and support students, and the Enhanced Education Pathways committee that focused

on access and affordability by improving student success and reducing the total cost of a degree.