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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT Information for Administrative Fellow Applicants for 2019-2020

Dr. Eric Barron (president.psu.edu) began his tenure as the 18th president of Penn State on May 12, 2014. He has nearly 40 years of leadership experience in academic administration, education, research, and public service—including 20 years at Penn State, serving as dean of the College of Earth and Mineral Sciences and founding director of the Earth System Science Center. He is an accomplished scientist with a long background in atmospheric research.

As president of Penn State, Dr. Barron's main focus has been on making our great public university even greater. To this end, he is advancing a number of key initiatives, including access and affordability, diversity and inclusion, engaged scholarship, economic development, and student career success. In recognition of his expertise and leadership, last fall he was named chairman of the Commission on Innovation, Competitiveness and Economic Prosperity for the Association of Public Land-grant Universities (APLU).

The President works closely with the vice presidents, the vice provosts responsible for key functional areas, the deans of academic colleges and other units, academic staff, the University Faculty Senate, and various committees in setting overall academic priorities for Penn State, and allocating funds to move priorities forward.

The Office of the President is routinely involved with academic affairs, development efforts, strategic planning and institutional assessment, enrollment management, resource allocation, international programs, information technology services, educational equity, outreach and online education, facilities planning, and other functions across all Penn State campuses.

The President works closely with the University Board of Trustees, particularly with the Board's chair and vice chair. Externally, the President works with various advisory groups and organizations such as the National Research Council, APLU, the Big Ten, and the Association of American Universities.

An Administrative Fellow in the Office of the President will have opportunities to get involved with projects related to many facets of higher education, including academic leadership, research excellence, diversity and inclusion, and the effects of technology on contemporary teaching and learning.