President Search

Seeking a Visionary Leader at Cowley College

Cowley College invites applications for the position of President. Based in Arkansas City, Kansas, Cowley advances learning excellence, personal achievement, and community engagement through transfer education, career preparation, and workforce development.

About Us

Founded in 1922, Cowley College is a public, two-year institution serving south-central Kansas. The College combines transfer pathways, career and technical programs, workforce and community education, and online learning. Residential life, athletics, the arts, and student organizations enrich the college experience.

Position Summary

The President serves as chief executive officer and reports to the Board of Trustees. This leader guides strategy, operations, academic quality, student success, regional partnerships, and long-term financial health across Cowley's campuses, centers, and online learning environments.

Strategic Priorities

01 **Accessible**
Expand equitable, affordable, and flexible learning opportunities.

02 **Successful**
Advance academic achievement, student completion, and career readiness.

03 **Invested**
Strengthen relationships and investment in employees and the communities Cowley serves.

Who We Are

Service Area

South-central Kansas, with locations in Arkansas City, Mulvane, Wellington, Winfield, and Wichita, plus online learning.

Mission

Opportunities for learning excellence, personal achievement, and community engagement.

Enrollment

2,363 students
Fall 2026 • 20th-day headcount

Programs

88 associate degree pathways and 35 certificates, including transfer and career-focused options.

Campus Experience

Academic and technical facilities, residential living, athletics, and student engagement.

Explore Cowley College

cowley.edu

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A Successful Candidate

Visionary Leadership

Translate a clear institutional vision into action that advances student achievement and regional opportunity.

Community Engagement

Build trust and serve as a visible champion for Cowley College, its communities, and south-central Kansas.

Financial Stewardship

Manage resources responsibly, sustain long-term financial health, and develop grants, partnerships, and philanthropic support.

Collaborative Spirit

Build strong relationships with faculty, staff, trustees, K–12 districts, universities, and business and industry partners.

Our Community

Cowley's main campus is in Arkansas City, a south-central Kansas community where the College has served students since 1922. Its regional locations connect higher education with local employers and communities. The next president will lead an institution rooted in community engagement while preparing learners for transfer, careers, and continued personal growth.

How to Apply

Application Deadline

December 11, 2026

Application and Documents

Submit materials through the **Cowley College President Application**.

Application Found Here

2026 Cowley College President Job Posting

Supplemental Materials to Prepare

- Cover letter tailored to Cowley College
- Current résumé or curriculum vitae (include names, phone numbers and emails of references)
- Three letters of recommendation, including at least one from a current supervisor or governing board
- Transcripts (unofficial initially; official at a later stage)

Vision Statement / Leadership Philosophy

- Your vision for Cowley College and community colleges
- Student success and retention
- Your approach to workforce development
- The role of rural and community colleges in regional economic and workforce development
- Experience working with local communities
- Relationships with business and industry partners

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