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Board Meeting

September 18, 2025

# APPOINT VICE CHANCELLOR FOR CHICAGO STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS, URBANA

**Action:** Appoint Vice Chancellor for Chicago Strategic Partnerships

**Funding:** No new funding required

The chancellor, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, and vice president, University of Illinois System, recommends the appointment of Rashid Bashir, currently dean; professor of bioengineering; professor of electrical and computer engineering; professor of mechanical science and engineering; professor, Materials Research Laboratory; professor of materials science and engineering; professor, Health Care Engineering Systems Center; Grainger Distinguished Chair, The Grainger College of Engineering; professor, Carl R. Woese Institute for Genomic Biology; professor, National Center for Supercomputing Applications; professor, Beckman Institute for Advanced Science and Technology, Office of the Vice Chancellor for Research and Innovation; professor, Carle Illinois College of Medicine; and department affiliate, molecular and integrative physiology, School of Molecular and Cellular Biology, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, as vice chancellor for Chicago strategic partnerships, non-tenured, on a twelve-month service basis, on zero percent time, non-salaried, beginning September 19, 2025. The position reports to the chancellor, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, and vice president, University of Illinois System.

Under the advisement of the prior chancellor, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, and vice president, University of Illinois System, Robert J. Jones, this recommendation is in recognition of Dr. Bashir’s exceptional leadership and impact in addition to acknowledging and facilitating his elevated role in advancing a number of strategic Chicago partnerships across the campus and the broader University System.

Dr. Bashir will continue as dean, The Grainger College of Engineering, non-tenured, on a twelve-month service basis, on 100 percent time, at an annual salary of $455,781.67 (equivalent to an annual nine-month base salary of $372,912.27 plus two-ninths annualization of $82,869.40) and an administrative increment of $200,000, for a salary of $655,781.67 for service as dean, The Grainger College of Engineering.

Dr. Bashir will continue as Grainger Distinguished Chair, Grainger College of Engineering, non-tenured, on an academic year service basis, on zero percent time, with an annual increment of $10,000, for a total annual salary of $665,781.67.

In addition, Dr. Bashir will continue to hold the ranks of professor of bioengineering, on indefinite tenure, on an academic year service basis, on zero percent time, non-salaried; professor of electrical and computer engineering, non-tenured, on an academic year service basis, on zero percent time, non-salaried; professor of mechanical science and engineering, non-tenured, on an academic year service basis, on zero percent time, non-salaried; professor, Materials Research Laboratory, non-tenured, on an academic year service basis, on zero percent time, non-salaried; professor of materials science and engineering, non-tenured, on an academic year service basis, on zero percent time, non-salaried; professor, Health Care Engineering Systems Center, non-tenured, on an academic year service basis, on zero percent time, non-salaried, The Grainger College of Engineering; professor, Carl R. Woese Institute for Genomic Biology, non-tenured, on an academic year service basis, on zero percent time, non-salaried; professor, National Center for Supercomputing Applications, non-tenured, on an academic year service basis, on zero percent time, non-salaried; professor, Beckman Institute for Advanced Science and Technology, non-tenured, on an academic year service basis, on zero percent time, non-salaried, Office of the Vice Chancellor for Research and Innovation; professor, non-tenured, on an academic year service basis, on zero percent time, non-salaried, Carle Illinois College of Medicine; and department affiliate, molecular and integrative physiology, School of Molecular and Cellular Biology, non-tenured, on an academic year service basis, on zero percent time, non-salaried, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

The Board action recommended in this item complies in all material respects with applicable State and federal laws, University of Illinois *Statutes*, *The General Rules Concerning University Organization and Procedure*, and Board of Trustees policies and directives.

The president of the University of Illinois System concurs.

(A biographical sketch follows.)

RASHID BASHIR

Education

Texas Tech University, Lubbock, BS, 1987

Purdue University Main Campus, West Lafayette, IN, MS, 1989; PhD, 1992

Professional and Other Experience

National Semiconductor, Santa Clara, CA, 1992-94, senior process engineer;

1995, staff process engineer; 1995-97, engineering manager; 1997-98, senior engineering manager

Purdue University Main Campus, West Lafayette, IN, 1998-2001, assistant

professor; 2001-05, associate professor; 2005-07, professor, School of Electrical

and Computer Engineering

University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, 2007-date, professor of bioengineering;

2007-date, professor, electrical and computer engineering; 2007-13, director, Nick Holonyak, Jr. Micro and Nanotechnology Laboratory; 2007-16, Abel Bliss Professor of Engineering; 2008-date, professor, Materials Research Laboratory, The Grainger College of Engineering; 2008-date, professor, Beckman Institute for Advanced Science and Technology; 2008-date, professor, Carl R. Woese Institute of Genomic Biology, Office of the Vice Chancellor for Research and Innovation;

2012-date, professor, mechanical science and engineering; 2013-17, head, Department of Bioengineering; 2014-date, Grainger Distinguished Chair, The Grainger College of Engineering; 2016-date, department affiliate, molecular and integrative physiology, School of Molecular and Cellular Biology, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences; 2017-date, professor; 2017-18, executive associate dean and chief diversity officer; 2018, interim director of biomedical and translational sciences, Carle Illinois College of Medicine; 2018-date, professor, National Center for Supercomputing Applications, Office of the Vice Chancellor for Research and Innovation; 2018-date, professor of materials science and engineering; 2018-date, dean; 2021-date, professor, Health Care Engineering Systems Center, Grainger College of Engineering

Prenosis Inc., Chicago, IL, 2016-date, co-founder and board member

VedaBio Inc., San Diego, CA, 2021-22, co-founder and president; 2022-date,

board member

P33, Chicago, IL, 2023-date, board member

Chan Zuckerberg Biohub, Chicago, IL, 2023-date, executive committee member

from the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign