

MBA Executive Director - Auburn University - Raymond J. Harbert College of Business

Auburn University is seeking an accomplished and strategic leader to serve as Executive Director of Graduate Programs within the Raymond J. Harbert College of Business. Reporting to the Associate Dean of Graduate and Executive Programs, this senior leadership role is responsible for the strategy, direction, oversight, and administration of the full-time and online MBA programs, while also providing operational support for department-led master's programs, graduate certificates, and professional non-credit education. The Executive Director oversees all aspects of the MBA student lifecycle, including recruitment, admissions, advising, programming, and student support, while coordinating experiential learning opportunities such as orientations, global study trips, capstone consulting projects, leadership development, and workshops. The Executive Director collaborates closely with recruiting leadership, faculty, and senior administrators to meet enrollment, quality, and programmatic goals, while also managing program budgets and ensuring responsible stewardship of resources. In addition, the role is accountable for data integrity for rankings and accreditation, external representation through professional associations, and the integration and support of MS programs within the broader graduate strategy.

The ideal candidate brings a strong record of leadership in graduate or professional education, with demonstrated experience in MBA or graduate program administration, admissions, student services, academic affairs, or related areas. Qualified candidates must hold a master's degree in business, higher education administration, adult education administration, or a related field, along with a minimum of ten years of relevant professional experience. This experience must include at least five years in a leadership capacity and at least two years supervising full-time employees. Successful candidates will demonstrate strategic thinking, collaborative leadership, financial stewardship, and the ability to guide complex programs while partnering effectively with faculty, administrators, and external stakeholders.

Auburn University offers a compelling and mission-driven environment where graduate education has a life-changing impact through research, instruction, and outreach. The Raymond J. Harbert College of Business is committed to a culture of excellence, collaboration, and innovation, supported by generous benefits, educational opportunities, and a strong emphasis on work-life balance. Located in the Auburn/Opelika area, the university provides a welcoming community with southern charm, vibrant downtowns, and access to major cities and Gulf Coast beaches. Auburn's commitment to inclusion and belonging makes this Executive Director role an opportunity to lead within a values-driven institution dedicated to student success and professional growth.

A complete leadership profile can be viewed [here](#).

Applications can be submitted through the [WittKieffer Candidate Portal](#). Applicants should submit, as separate documents, a CV or résumé and a letter of interest that addresses the

themes outlined in this profile. WittKieffer is assisting Auburn University in this search. For full consideration, candidate materials should be received by June 26, 2026.

Nominations and inquiries can be directed to Natalie Song at nsong@wittkieffer.com, and Jevon Walton at jwalton@wittkieffer.com.