



A Message from University of Kentucky

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Dear Colleagues,

I write to update you on the search process for the Associate Provost for Graduate and Professional Education and Dean of The Graduate School.

Ann Vail, Professor of Family Sciences in the College of Agriculture, Food and Environment, has been named the sole finalist for the position. During her time at UK, Dr. Vail has served as Director of the School of Human Environmental Sciences and Interim Dean of the College of Social Work. In addition to her administrative experience, Dr. Vail has an impressive research record, receiving over \$88 million in extramural support during her career. Dr. Vail's CV is available on [the search website](#).

Dr. Vail will participate in a two-day virtual interview on Monday, April 19, and Tuesday, April 20. This interview will include meetings with various groups as well as a campus-wide open forum. Specific details regarding the interview are forthcoming.

I greatly appreciate the work of the search committee, including the leadership of Donna Arnett and John Balk as co-chairs of the search committee. I'm also grateful for the nominations and applications received for the position, which contributed to a robust search process.

Regards,

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