



Stony Brook University

STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK

Vice President for Marketing and Communications

Leadership Profile

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Executive Summary

[The State University of New York at Stony Brook](#) (Stony Brook) seeks an accomplished, visionary, and strategic communications leader to serve as its next vice president for marketing and communications. This is a rare opportunity to shape the voice, reputation, and public narrative of one of America's leading public research universities during a period of extraordinary momentum and possibility. Reporting directly to the president, with a dotted-line relationship to the chief of staff, and serving as a member of the cabinet and [university council](#), the vice president will help define how Stony Brook tells its story to the world and position the institution among the nation's most recognized and influential public universities.

As a flagship of the State University of New York (SUNY) system, ranked the top public university in the state of New York for the last four years, and a member of the Association of American Universities, Stony Brook is one of America's most dynamic public research universities. With over 27,000 students representing all 50 states and more than 100 countries, the University offers world-class education through 130+ graduate and professional programs and 60 undergraduate majors. Renowned for its research excellence, strength in innovation and entrepreneurship, and commitment to student success and affordability, Stony Brook consistently ranks among the top institutions in the nation. Situated on Long Island's North Shore and in close proximity to New York City, the University provides unparalleled access to cultural, professional, and research opportunities.

[Andrea Goldsmith](#) began her tenure as the seventh president of Stony Brook University in August 2025. Her scope includes the university, the [medical enterprise](#), chairing the board of the [New York Climate Exchange](#), and co-chairing the organization that manages the [Brookhaven National Laboratory](#). As one of her first initiatives, President Goldsmith led a strategic visioning process that engaged and energized the entire Stony Brook community. Implementation of the bold, ambitious [strategic plan](#) will begin in Fall 2026, and a significant comprehensive campaign will follow shortly thereafter.

The vice president will join Stony Brook at a defining moment in the institution's trajectory. Building upon Stony Brook's national strengths in research, healthcare, innovation, access, and student success, the successful candidate will help translate institutional excellence into broader visibility, influence, and reputation. The vice president will play a leading role in advancing the university's emerging strategic vision, supporting a forthcoming comprehensive campaign, and elevating awareness of Stony Brook's impact among prospective students and families, faculty and researchers, alumni and donors, policymakers, media, industry leaders, and communities across New York and beyond.

Leading a team of approximately 35 professionals and partnering with communications and marketing colleagues across a large, complex, multi-stakeholder enterprise, the vice president will serve as the university's chief communications and marketing officer. The successful candidate will be an innovative and politically astute leader who excels in collaborative environments, builds strong relationships across academic, research, healthcare, and administrative units to advance shared institutional priorities, brings people together around a compelling institutional narrative, navigates complex issues and crises with sound judgment, and inspires a culture of excellence, creativity, and service.

Stony Brook seeks a leader who is equally comfortable serving as a strategic advisor to senior leadership, a steward of one of higher education's most promising brands, and a champion for the countless stories of discovery, innovation, healthcare, and student achievement unfolding across the university every day. A bachelor's degree is required.

To submit a nomination or express personal interest in this position, please see Procedure for Candidacy at the end of this document.

Role of the Vice President for Marketing and Communications

The Vice President for Marketing and Communications (VP) serves as a trusted advisor to the president and senior leadership on all matters related to brand strategy, marketing, and university-wide communications. Charged with elevating Stony Brook University's visibility and reputation, the VP will develop and advance a bold communications and marketing strategy that clearly articulates the university's excellence, impact, and aspirations to audiences locally, nationally, and globally while supporting the institution's strategic priorities.

The VP oversees both external and internal communications, ensuring consistent and compelling messaging across the institution while helping the university anticipate, navigate, and respond to issues that affect the campus community. Working in close partnership with university leadership, the VP will lead communications during critical incidents and other high-profile matters, coordinating thoughtful, institution-wide responses that reflect Stony Brook's mission, values, and commitments. The VP also partners closely with the Office of the President to ensure alignment with SUNY system priorities, messaging, and branding.

Communications and marketing responsibilities at Stony Brook are highly decentralized. As a result, the Office of Marketing and Communications serves as both a strategic leader and collaborative partner, supporting a broad range of academic, administrative, and health sciences units across the university and medical enterprise. Through influence, relationship-building, and shared goals, the VP will help align communications efforts across the institution while fostering a cohesive and impactful Stony Brook brand.

To advance these priorities, the VP leads a comprehensive, integrated communications and marketing operation and oversees a talented team of approximately 35 professionals spanning editorial strategy and brand management; external communications; creative strategy and design; digital and social media; and business and operations. Together, these teams are responsible for shaping and amplifying the university's story, supporting institutional priorities, and enhancing engagement with key internal and external audiences.

Key responsibilities of this position include, but are not limited to:

- Provide vision and lead the development and implementation of the university's comprehensive communications and marketing strategies, benchmarked with peers, in collaboration with administrative and academic leadership to drive awareness and affinity among target audiences, and support the university's strategic enrollment, philanthropy, and engagement goals
- Serve as the lead brand steward for all university content, ensuring messaging and strategy alignment across publications and channels
- Anticipate and mitigate issues that may impact the university's reputation; provide advice and counsel to university leaders on communication and crisis response
- Provide direction and oversight for internal communications to ensure faculty, staff, students, researchers, and administrators are well-informed of university affairs, goals, and objectives
- Work with senior officers, faculty, and staff to assess marketing and communications needs and identify strong messages, compelling stories, and key audiences; serve as a primary point of contact with SUNY system's chief communications officer
- Establish a digital communications strategy and best practices, integrating web platforms, social media, and video production

- Ensure Stony Brook is working toward best-in-class communications, branding, and messaging; monitor industry trends, evaluate campaign effectiveness, and make data-driven recommendations to enhance the university's visibility and impact continually
- Oversee the university's media-relations strategy, including relationships with on-campus, local, national, and international media outlets
- Oversee the preparation of key administrators for media engagement; oversee press conferences, and support faculty, staff, and students in interviews
- Lead the Office of Marketing and Communications in efforts to provide university partners with strategic marketing and creative communications guidance and support to advance their respective goals and coordinate institutional branding and messaging
- Evaluate and refine strategies and plans; periodically provide updates on progress to university leaders
- Develop and maintain metrics to evaluate marketing performance, including rankings, reputation scores, and admissions yield rates
- Establish operational excellence in the university's marketing and communications efforts, both centrally and with the communications professionals in units across the university
- Build a unified team by aligning the team with the university's marketing and communications vision, mentoring staff, establishing clear performance goals, and ensuring accountability through processes that are clearly defined, equitable, and inclusive
- Manage day-to-day operations of the Office of Marketing and Communications, including budgeting, planning, and professional development



Opportunities and Expectations for Leadership

The next Vice President for Marketing and Communications will join Stony Brook University at a pivotal moment. Under new presidential leadership and with a university-wide strategic planning process nearing completion, Stony Brook is poised to accelerate its trajectory as a leading public research university. The successful candidate will have an extraordinary opportunity to shape the narrative of an institution widely regarded as one of higher education's best-kept secrets and elevate its visibility, reputation, and influence among national and global audiences. Key leadership priorities include:

- **Elevate Stony Brook's Visibility and National Reputation**

Stony Brook's academic excellence, research productivity, healthcare enterprise, commitment to access and social mobility, and growing national stature provide a compelling foundation for storytelling and brand advancement. The university's location on Long Island, less than two hours from New York City, presents an additional and underleveraged opportunity to strengthen Stony Brook's visibility and influence. With one of the world's most important media, business, cultural, philanthropic, and innovation ecosystems nearby, and a substantial alumni presence throughout the New York metropolitan region, Stony Brook is uniquely positioned to elevate its profile among key audiences while expanding its presence in national conversations.

Yet many stakeholders describe the institution as a "hidden gem" whose accomplishments remain insufficiently known beyond the region. The vice president will lead efforts to amplify awareness of Stony Brook's strengths; expand its presence in national conversations; strengthen relationships with influential media, thought leaders, and external stakeholders; and position the university as a destination of choice for students, faculty, researchers, partners, and philanthropists. The vice president will also play a central role in advancing and executing communications and marketing priorities emerging from the university's new strategic plan.

- **Leverage Institutional Momentum and Tell a Unified Story**

President Andrea Goldsmith's vision, the development of a new strategic plan, and the university's continued ascent create significant momentum and opportunity. The vice president will work closely with university leadership to articulate a bold and cohesive narrative that reflects the breadth of Stony Brook's impact across education, research, healthcare, innovation, public service, and athletics. Success will require bringing together stories of transformative student outcomes, groundbreaking discoveries, entrepreneurship, and societal impact into a clear and compelling institutional brand that resonates with multiple audiences.



- **Strengthen Collaboration Across a Complex Enterprise**

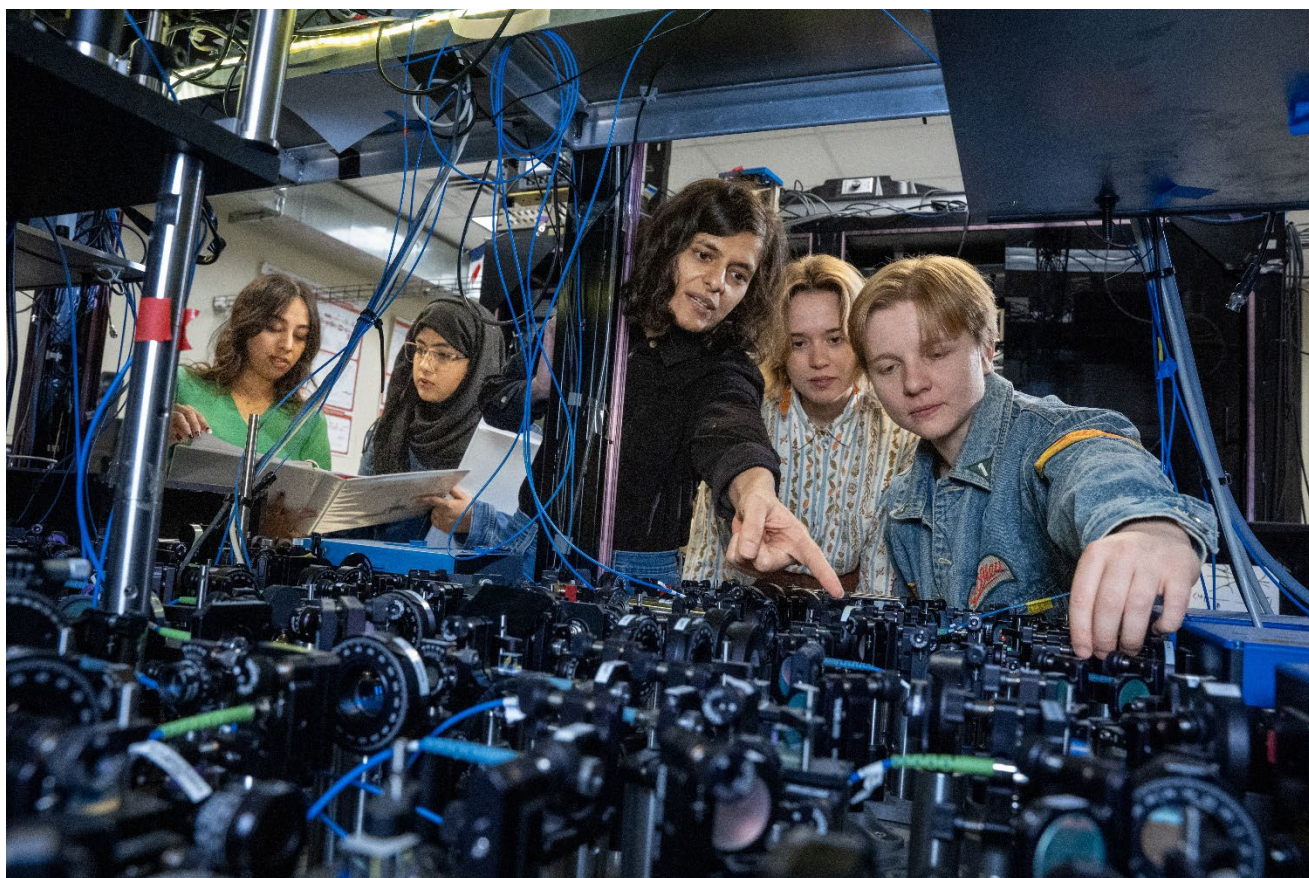
As a large and decentralized institution that includes nationally prominent academic, research, and healthcare enterprises, Stony Brook offers remarkable opportunities and inherent complexity. The vice president will build strong partnerships across the university and serve as a connector among academic leaders, researchers, healthcare partners, communications professionals, and other stakeholders. The successful candidate will create alignment around institutional priorities while respecting the distinctive identities and needs of individual schools, colleges, units, and the medical enterprise. Particular emphasis will be placed on cultivating integrated communications strategies that reinforce a consistent institutional voice across the university.

- **Advance Organizational Effectiveness and Talent Development**

The Office of Marketing and Communications is staffed by talented and committed professionals who are eager for strong leadership, clear direction, and continued investment in their growth and development. The vice president will assess the existing structure, clarify roles and priorities, identify opportunities to enhance effectiveness, and ensure the organization is aligned to support the university's ambitions. The successful candidate will build a culture of accountability, collaboration, innovation, and continuous improvement while fostering professional development, succession planning, and leadership growth throughout the team.

- **Embrace Innovation, Emerging Technologies, Artificial Intelligence, and Modern Engagement Strategies**

Stony Brook's leadership has expressed strong support for innovation, experimentation, and creative approaches to audience engagement. The vice president will bring fresh thinking to the university's marketing and communications efforts, leveraging artificial intelligence, emerging technologies, evolving media platforms, digital analytics, and contemporary brand strategies to engage audiences in meaningful ways. The successful candidate will be expected to evaluate and implement AI-enabled tools and approaches that enhance effectiveness, efficiency, audience insights, content development, and engagement, while ensuring ethical and strategic application. This leader will help position Stony Brook at the forefront of communications practice while showcasing emerging areas of institutional distinction, including leadership in artificial intelligence, quantum science, healthcare innovation, and other high-priority research initiatives.



Professional Qualifications and Personal Qualities

Stony Brook University seeks a strategic, innovative, and collaborative communications leader who can elevate the institution's visibility, reputation, and impact while advancing its mission and strategic priorities. The ideal candidate will bring experience leading communications and marketing efforts in a large, complex organization and possess the judgment, political savvy, and relationship-building skills necessary to navigate the opportunities and complexities of a public research university operating within a larger system.

The ideal candidate will demonstrate strengths in the following areas:

Strategic Communications, Marketing & Brand Leadership

- At least 10 years of experience leading, envisioning, and implementing a strategic communications, marketing, and branding program that was successfully leveraged across an enterprise with multiple constituencies and a wide variety of audiences, both internal and external, local and national.
- Advanced knowledge of strategies and industry best practices across all aspects of communications, marketing, positioning, and messaging, including demonstrated success leveraging artificial intelligence, emerging technologies, brand content, social media, analytics, and other digital communications tools to enhance effectiveness, drive innovation, and strengthen audience engagement.
- Substantial experience evaluating the strengths of existing communications and marketing programs, identifying opportunities for improvement, and utilizing data, metrics, artificial intelligence-enabled insights, and emerging technologies to inform decision-making and assess the success of programs and campaigns.
- Proven effectiveness in engaging and working directly with local, national, and international media, both on background and on the record.

Strategic Leadership, Influence & Change Management

- A record of success leading large-scale strategic initiatives and teams within a complex, decentralized organization characterized by shared decision-making and evolving priorities.
- Experience managing and inspiring teams in a complex environment, leading by influence, and unifying the work of communications and marketing professionals across the enterprise.
- Exceptional strategic thinking, judgment, and decision-making skills, including the ability to navigate high-stakes and sensitive issues with discretion, nuance, and professionalism.
- Experience advising senior leadership on crisis communications and issues management.

Organizational & Operational Excellence

- Outstanding management, operational, and planning skills, including the ability to manage multiple priorities simultaneously within a decentralized environment.
- Sharp eye for operational efficiency and optimal resource utilization, with an understanding of budgets and cash flows and a demonstrated record of effective fiscal stewardship.
- Commitment to building, leading, developing, and retaining high-performing and diverse professional teams.

Relationship Building & Communication Effectiveness

- Engaging and persuasive communicator with exceptional written and oral communication skills and the ability to tailor messages for diverse audiences and channels.

- Collaborative and collegial leader who excels at engaging a broad range of stakeholders, building strong professional relationships, and serving as a trusted resource and advisor to others.

Values, Culture & Personal Attributes

- High degree of integrity, transparency, and accountability, coupled with a demonstrated commitment to the institution's mission and values and respect for individuals at every level of the organization.
- Commitment to fostering an inclusive, collaborative, and high-performing culture.

Preferred Experience & Education

- Professional experience in higher education is strongly preferred, ideally within an R1 and/or AAU institution.
- Experience supporting enrollment, advancement/fundraising, and community engagement initiatives is preferred.
- Bachelor's degree required; advanced degree in marketing, communications, public relations, or a related field preferred.



About Stony Brook University

Overview

Founded in 1957 and a member of the Association of American Universities since 2001, Stony Brook is a [nationally and internationally](#) renowned [research-intensive](#) university, located 60 miles east of New York City. A flagship campus of the State University of New York ([SUNY](#)) system, Stony Brook is ranked as the #1 public university in New York and the #26 best public university in the country by the *US News and World Report*. Its [mission](#) is to: advance student learning by offering high-quality, [academically rigorous programs](#) of instruction; support an outstanding faculty in their [teaching](#) and scholarship; and address local, regional, and state needs and goals while [providing public service](#) to the citizens of New York State.

Stony Brook's [1,452-acre campus](#) (the largest in the SUNY system) on Long Island's North Shore encompasses [12 schools and colleges](#), a wide array of [centers and institutes](#), [Stony Brook Medicine](#) (which includes the [Stony Brook University Hospital](#) and Health Sciences Center), and an 8,300-seat stadium and sports complex. Additional locations include [Stony Brook's Southampton](#) campus on Long Island's East End, healthcare sites throughout Suffolk County, and a presence in Manhattan as well as sites across the globe. Reflecting the university's continued momentum, Stony Brook enrolled a record 27,200 students in fall 2025, including 18,616 undergraduate students and 8,584 graduate and professional students. The student body includes 3,991 international students from more than 150 countries.

Mission

Stony Brook has a [five-part mission](#):

- Deliver comprehensive undergraduate, graduate, and professional education of the highest quality.
- Conduct research and intellectual endeavors of international distinction that advance knowledge and have practical significance.
- Provide leadership for economic growth, technology, and culture in the region and beyond.
- Offer state-of-the-art health care while serving as a resource to a regional health network and traditionally underserved populations.
- Fulfill these objectives while celebrating diversity and positioning the University as a global institution.

Strategic Plan

Throughout the 2025-26 academic year, President Goldsmith led a collaborative effort to define Stony Brook's [bold vision](#) for the next decade. Building upon the university's strong foundation, this shared strategic vision advances six goals represented by the acronym ASPIRE. President Goldsmith previewed the goals during her investiture address in April 2026, and she will share more about her vision throughout the fall, beginning with her annual State of the University address in September.

ASPIRE 2035

- **'A' for accelerating discovery to solve humanity's greatest challenges**
Stony Brook is advancing knowledge to solve complex, global challenges and generate impact through evidence-driven inquiry.

- **'S' for setting a new standard for educational excellence, access, and student success**
Stony Brook is expanding access to a transformative education and creating opportunities for every student to learn and thrive.
- **'P' for propelling Stony Brook to a position of visionary global leadership**
Stony Brook is serving as a thought leader and the place people turn to for action-oriented solutions that benefit our region and the world.
- **'I' for igniting regional prosperity by expanding Stony Brook's footprint from Manhattan to Montauk and beyond**
Stony Brook is driving economic and technological growth, catalyzing innovation and entrepreneurship, and serving as the primary economic, social, and cultural engine for Long Island.
- **'R' for reimagining medicine, health, and wellness for all with accessible, affordable, and compassionate healthcare**
Stony Brook is transforming healthcare research and advancing accessible, affordable, compassionate, patient-centered care.
- **'E' for enabling the foundations for our success**
Stony Brook is investing in the people, infrastructure, and resources that make every ambition possible.

Students

Stony Brook is home to a diverse student body of more than 27,000 high-achieving students, including more than 18,000 undergraduates from nearly all 50 states and more than 100 countries.

In 2017, Stony Brook was ranked the [third best in the nation for social mobility](#). More than half of its students from low-income households end up in the top fifth of earners nationally after getting their degrees.

Student educational and economic outcomes are central to Stony Brook's mission and values. 95% of recent bachelor's degree recipients are either employed or enrolled in graduate or professional school. According to PayScale.com, a Stony Brook education yields over a \$500K return on investment over a 20-year period. The most popular undergraduate majors at Stony Brook are Biology, Psychology, Business Management, Health Science, Computer Science, Applied Mathematics and Statistics, Economics, Biochemistry, Mathematics, and Mechanical Engineering.



The University offers more than 130 graduate and professional programs, covering the arts and sciences, engineering, business, journalism, health and medicine, as well as fine arts. Partnerships with Brookhaven National Laboratory and Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory enable Stony Brook to offer unique opportunities for students to become involved in leading-edge research and scholarship. U.S. News and World Report ranks Stony Brook among the top 50 in the country in over 20 disciplinary areas. Among those in the top 25 are Nuclear Physics (#3), Clinical Psychology (#6), Nursing Education Online (#7), Nursing Online (#8), Geometry (#9), Topology (#12), Algebra (#17), Physics (#21), and Nurse Midwifery (#22).

Colleges and Schools

- College of Arts and Sciences
- College of Business
- College of Engineering & Applied Sciences
- Graduate School
- School of Communication & Journalism
- School of Marine & Atmospheric Sciences
- School of Professional Development
- Renaissance School of Medicine
- School of Dental Medicine
- School of Health Professions
- School of Nursing
- School of Social Welfare



Research and Innovation

Stony Brook is committed to making groundbreaking discoveries and driving innovation for real-world applications. As co-manager of Brookhaven National Laboratory and home to global research centers, including the Turkana Basin Institute in Kenya and Centre ValBio in Madagascar, Stony Brook addresses complex challenges through cutting-edge research in areas such as quantum information science, advanced materials, and clean energy.

The University's comprehensive research initiatives advance knowledge and drive impactful solutions for the betterment of humanity. Its programs extend this research excellence into practical innovation. Providing over 100,000 square feet of space, Stony Brook supports startups across diverse technologies and connects companies and innovators with world-class technology, specialized facilities, expert faculty, and critical early-stage financing. It also champions student innovation and entrepreneurship, transforming laboratory and classroom concepts into market-ready solutions.

The University's innovation programs empower student ventures within the University and the Research & Development Park, offering direct access to facilities, expert mentorship, and funding guidance to support groundbreaking enterprises. Because of its prominence in research excellence, the University was invited to join the American Association of Universities (AAU) in 2001.

The SUNY System

The State University of New York (SUNY) is a system of public institutions of higher education in New York. With 64 college and university campuses located within 30 miles of every home, school, and business in the state, SUNY is the nation's largest comprehensive system of public higher education. It annually serves almost 400,000 students in credit-bearing undergraduate and graduate instruction, and over 1 million students in non-credit activities. The system employs more than 85,000 faculty and staff and connects more than 3 million alumni around the world. Its annual budget was \$13.3 billion for 2025.

SUNY was established in 1948 through legislative implementation of recommendations made by the Temporary Commission on the Need for a State University. SUNY's administrative offices are in Albany, the state's capital, with satellite offices in Manhattan and Washington, D.C. More information about the SUNY System can be found [here](#).

Leadership

Dr. Andrea Goldsmith, President



Andrea Goldsmith is the seventh president of Stony Brook University, a research flagship of the State University of New York system and the number one public university in New York State.

Appointed in August 2025, President Goldsmith also oversees Stony Brook Medicine, Long Island's premier academic healthcare system; co-chairs Brookhaven Science Associates, which manages Brookhaven National Laboratory for the U.S. Department of Energy; and chairs the board of the New York Climate Exchange, a historic partnership anchored by Stony Brook University to build an international climate solutions center on Governors Island.

With more than three decades of experience in university leadership, teaching, and research, President Goldsmith has consistently driven transformational impact and excellence. She served as dean of engineering and applied science at Princeton for five years and spent 21 years on Stanford's engineering faculty. Her research in wireless communications translated into new technologies and two successful start-up companies, where she served as chief technology officer: Plume Wi-Fi and Quantenna Communications. Today, she lends her expertise as a board member of Intel (INTC) and Crown Castle Inc. (CCI). A champion of access, opportunity, and upward mobility, President Goldsmith attributes her entire public-school journey — from grade school through graduate school — as the foundation of her professional success. She earned her bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degrees at the University of California, Berkeley.

Mission-Focused Transformational Leadership

During the first year of her presidency at Stony Brook University, President Goldsmith has continued to build momentum across the university's mission, including strengthening local and state-wide partnerships, enhancing the student experience, enriching clinical care, securing substantial investments, and advancing innovative research projects. This includes the historic \$300 million investment Stony Brook received in September 2025 from Governor Hochul to establish the Quantum Research and Innovation Hub, as well as the consistent advocacy and collaboration with Stony Brook's federal delegation—including Senator Charles Schumer and Rep. Nick LaLota—to bolster crucial supportive partnerships. President Goldsmith remains a fierce advocate for maintaining the affordable, accessible, and comprehensive education of the highest quality that Stony Brook offers to every student.

She is leading the development of ASPIRE 2035, Stony Brook's strategic vision to accelerate discovery at the frontiers of knowledge, set a new standard for educational excellence and access, propel the university's global leadership, ignite regional prosperity, reimagine medicine and health, and enable the foundations of long-term success to position Stony Brook as a national model for American possibility and progress.

Driven by her commitment to the success of students, faculty, and staff and her leadership style that brings people together to advance a shared vision, President Goldsmith transformed Princeton's School of Engineering and Applied Science during her tenure as its dean. Key accomplishments included significant expansion of disciplinary and interdisciplinary faculty and graduate students in the school while increasing its sponsored research by 25 percent. She was instrumental in founding the Omenn-Darling Bioengineering Institute and launching cross-cutting research initiatives in robotics, blockchain, wireless technologies, and AI. Under her leadership, corporate partnerships, innovation, and entrepreneurship thrived.

At Stanford, she chaired the Faculty Senate, served multiple terms as a senator, and served on its Academic

Council Advisory Board, Budget Group, Committee on Research, Planning and Policy Board, Commissions on Graduate and Undergraduate Education, and Task Force on Women and Leadership.

In 2021, she was appointed by the White House to President Biden's Council of Advisors on Science and Technology to advise the president on matters related to science, technology innovation, sustainability, and public policy. In 2025, she was named to City and State New York's Responsible 100 list.

As founding chair of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) Board of Directors Committee on Diversity and Inclusion, President Goldsmith set a new standard for inclusivity. She led the IEEE Information Theory Society as president, served as founding chair of its student committee, and launched the IEEE Journal on Selected Areas in Information Theory as its founding editor-in-chief. She has also served on the boards of governors for the IEEE Information Theory Society and the IEEE Communications Society.

Pioneering Wireless Technology Research and Innovation

President Goldsmith's research interests are in information, communication, and control theories and signal processing, and their application to wireless communications, interconnected systems, and neuroscience. In 2025, she received the Brooklyn 6G Summit Lifetime Academic Achievement Award, which is awarded to individuals who have made great strides in telecommunications, wireless networking, and academia.

An inventor who holds 38 patents — all in wireless technology — she has received numerous honors and awards for her work, including induction into the Wireless History Foundation's Wireless Hall of Fame and the National Inventors Hall of Fame®, and the IEEE Dresselhaus Medal, which recognizes outstanding technical contributions to and leadership in wireless communications theory and practice. In 2020, President Goldsmith received The Marconi Prize — the highest honor in telecommunications research — as the first woman to receive this recognition. She is a member of the National Academy of Engineering, the Royal Academy of Engineering, the Royal Swedish Academy of Engineering Sciences, and the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. In March 2026, she was inducted into the Silicon Valley Engineering Council (SVEC) Hall of Fame, and in June 2026, she was also the inaugural inductee into Stony Brook's Chapter of the National Academy of Inventors (NAI-SBU) Hall of Fame in recognition of her outstanding achievements. In July 2026, she was announced as the recipient of the prestigious 2027 Claude E. Shannon Award for outstanding contributions to the field of information theory.



Stony Brook, New York

The main campus of Stony Brook University is in the historic north shore hamlet of Stony Brook near the geographic midpoint of Long Island, less than two hours to Manhattan and about two hours to Montauk. Located on Long Island's beautiful North Shore, the Stony Brook campus is situated on 1,039 wooded acres, encompassing its 13 schools and colleges; a research and development park; world-class athletics facilities, including an 8,300-seat stadium and a 4,000-seat arena; and Stony Brook Medicine, Long Island's premier academic medical center. The Long Island Rail Road serves the community with the Stony Brook station situated along the northern edge of the campus.

Stony Brook is in the Town of Brookhaven in Suffolk County, New York. Begun in the colonial era as an agricultural enclave, the hamlet experienced growth first as a resort town and then to its current state as one of Long Island's major tourist towns and centers of education. The Three Village Central School District serves Setauket, East Setauket, Stony Brook, Poquott, Head of the Harbor, Old Field, and portions of Port Jefferson, Saint James, and South Setauket. The school district is renowned for its West Prep program, a three-year science research program that produces record numbers of Regeneron Science Talent Search semifinalists. New York City is readily accessible by the Long Island Rail Road and multiple highways that extend from the city through Long Island.

For more information about Stony Brook, visit <http://www.stonybrook.edu> and the University's Office of Institutional Research, Planning, and Effectiveness [Fact Book](#).



Procedure for Candidacy

All applications, nominations, and inquiries are invited. Applications should include, as separate documents, a CV or resume and a letter of interest addressing the themes in this profile.

WittKieffer is assisting Stony Brook University in this search. For fullest consideration, candidate materials should be received by **October 19, 2026**.

Application materials should be submitted using WittKieffer's [candidate portal](#).

Nominations and inquiries can be directed to:

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Stony Brook University is committed to excellence in diversity and the creation of an inclusive learning and working environment. All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, national origin, religion, sex, pregnancy, familial status, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, age, disability, genetic information, veteran status and all other protected classes under federal or state laws.