

## Paula Myrick Short, Ph.D.

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Paula Myrick Short is the Senior Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs for the University of Houston System, and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost at the University of Houston.

Since her appointment in June 2013, she has established the UH Graduate School, the Cougar Chairs Leadership Academy for Department Chairs, the Foundations of Excellence initiative, Houston GPS as well as implemented student success initiatives such as UH in 4, Provost Summer Read, Passport for Coogs, and Cub Camp. Prior to joining UH, Dr. Short served 12 years as Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs for the Tennessee Board of Regents, the sixth-largest governing board system of higher education in the United States, annually serving more than 200,000 students. In Tennessee, she served as a legislative-appointed Board member of the Tennessee Technology Development Corporation, as a Board member of the Life Sciences Institute- Tennessee Emerging Technologies, and as an Academic Auditor for the Australian Universities Quality Agency.

In her role as Senior Vice Chancellor for the University of Houston System, Dr. Short is responsible for the academic quality and accreditation of all four UH system institutions: UH, UH – Downtown, UH – Clear Lake, and UH – Victoria. She chairs the UH System Provost Council and has served two terms on the Funding Formula Committee of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

As Senior Vice President and Provost of the University of Houston, Dr. Short is responsible for faculty development, strategic enrollment planning, undergraduate student success, graduate education, education innovation and technology, global strategies and partnerships, as well as UH Energy and UH Arts. She recently led the development of a new college at UH, the Kathrine G. McGovern College of the Arts. At UH, the 16 deans report to her including Dean of University Libraries.

Additionally, Dr. Short is the Director of the Center for ADVANCING UH Faculty Success, funded by a \$3.3 million grant from by the National Science Foundation. Under Dr. Short's leadership,

the Center is addressing gender equity and diversity issues related to moving more women and women of color forward with careers in science, technology, engineering, and math.

Nationally, Dr. Short has served as president of two professional associations. In 2013, Provost Short was honored with the Master Professor Award by the University Council for Educational Administration recognizing her record of promoting educational innovation in the classroom. In 2009, she was recipient of the Paul A. Elsner International Excellence in Leadership Award in recognition of her multiple accomplishments in improving higher education. Having published over 105 journal articles, books, book chapters, and technical reports; she also has been recognized for her research contributions with the Jack A. Culbertson Award, given by the University Council for Educational Administration.

Dr. Short has served as a tenured faculty member at Auburn University, The Pennsylvania State University, the University of Missouri – Columbia, and currently is tenured Distinguished Professor of Education at UH's College of Education. Dr. Short received her Ph.D. in Administration in the Department of Organizational Development and Institutional Studies at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.