



Reappointment of Provost Jianmin Qu

From: Nariman Farvardin, President

To: Stevens Students, Faculty and Staff

I am delighted to announce that the Board of Trustees has voted unanimously to reappoint Dr. Jianmin Qu as Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost for an additional five-year term from Sept. 1, 2026, to Aug. 31, 2031.

Since joining Stevens as Provost in 2021, Provost Qu has been a driving force behind the university's progress in academics and research, overseeing record growth in research awards and expenditures, raising the bar for faculty excellence and ensuring that students have the support they need to thrive. His leadership has been defined by a clear sense of purpose, a high standard of integrity and a genuine investment in the people and programs that make Stevens distinctive.

The most significant milestones of his tenure include:

- The integration of Systems Engineering into the Charles V. Schaefer, Jr. School of Engineering and Science, reinforcing the coherence and strength of Stevens' core academic enterprise
- The creation of the College of Professional Education, broadening the university's mission and its reach
- The launch of the new School of Computing, placing Stevens at the center of a field that will define the decades ahead
- Chairing the committee to develop the university's strategic plan, *Stevens 2032: Inspired by Humanity. Powered by Technology*

The Provost Review Committee, consisting of faculty, staff and students and led by Muhammad Hajj, George Meade Bond Chair of the Department of Civil, Environmental and Ocean Engineering and Director of the Davidson Lab, conducted a comprehensive performance review completed in fall 2025. This process included interviews with direct reports and Cabinet members and a survey open to all full-time faculty and staff, which reflected strong, wide-ranging confidence in Provost Qu's leadership. Colleagues across the university referenced his vision, his accessibility and his unwavering commitment to academic excellence. The survey results underscored his reputation as a collegial, ethical and dedicated leader whose recent impact and future contributions position Stevens for continued success.

I extend my sincere gratitude to the members of the Provost Review Committee for their time, care and thoughtful service to the university:

- Dr. Muhammad Hajj, George Meade Bond Professor, Director of Davidson Laboratory and Department Chair, Department of Civil, Environmental and Ocean Engineering (Committee Chair)
- Dr. Jan Cannizzo, Teaching Associate Professor and Associate Chair for Undergraduate Studies, in the Department of Mathematical Sciences
- Ms. Michelle Crilly, Assistant Dean for Student Success, School of Business
- Ms. Sophie Dewil, Ph.D. Candidate, Department of Biomedical Engineering
- Dr. Justine Herve, Assistant Professor, School of Business
- Ms. Jean Lee, Director, International Student and Scholar Services
- Dr. Gregory Morgan, Professor, School of Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences
- Ms. Sin Ouckama, Associate Provost
- Dr. Nicholas Parziale, George Meade Bond Endowed Professor, Department of Mechanical Engineering
- Ms. Riyana Phadke, Undergraduate Student, Chemical Biology Major
- Mr. Russell Rogers, Assistant Vice President and Director of Athletics and Recreation
- Mr. Gregory Townsend, Assistant Vice President of Corporate, Government and Community Relations
- Ms. Minghui Wang, Assistant Provost for Institutional Research and Effectiveness
- Dr. Ying Wang, Associate Professor, Department of Systems Engineering

Please join me in congratulating Provost Qu and in recognizing the contributions he has made, and will continue to make, to this institution.

Per aspera ad astra.