

Marianne Hassan, Chief of Staff, Office of the Provost, SUNY System Administration

The Office of the Provost of the State University of New York (SUNY) system is the academic arm of the largest comprehensive higher education system in the US, with 64 campuses and over 1.3M credit and non-credit bearing students. Ms. Hassan serves as Chief of Staff for the Provost's approximately 200 FTEs across a portfolio including academic affairs, strategy and planning, global affairs, and academic and student services. She serves as liaison for the portfolio to operational units within System Administration. Ms. Hassan oversees the operational execution of the Provost's vision for his portfolio. Among her various responsibilities are managing the development of SUNY's current initiative to integrate and scale its online learning portfolio; serving on SUNY's committees for tuition setting and concurrent enrollment as well as on steering committees for SUNY's faculty diversity initiative, Provost Innovation Fund, and the Sustainable Village Learning Committee project in Haiti. Ms. Hassan also serves as Acting Executive Director of the SUNY Impact Foundation, a philanthropic foundation dedicated to supporting SUNY students and faculty.

Regarding her ERC experience, Ms. Hassan says. "Working as the Administrative Director of a center in the ERC Program served as a strong base for my career. The job demanded so many skills that were useful in my subsequent career: agility, collaboration, innovation, breadth and depth of knowledge, strategic thinking both programmatically and politically, critical analysis, state-of-the-art differentiation, blue-sky focus, compliance, contract knowledge, multi-tasking efficiency, managing-up/managing laterally, performance-based metrics, focus on excellence, eagle-eye editing, and more. The ERC annual report and site visit cycle alone was a training development program! I've used these skills and the ERC philosophy in each position after leaving the center."