



Christopher T. Culbertson serves as Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at Kansas State University, where he leads 20 departments and schools, oversees a \$105M RCM-based budget, and supports the academic success of more than 4,000 students, along with the professional development of faculty and staff. His career includes extensive experience as a faculty member, researcher, and administrator, with previous roles such as Associate Dean for Research and Graduate Studies and undergraduate advisor in Chemistry.

In these positions, he has collaborated across the college to strengthen advising and student support, improve retention, modernize general education requirements, enhance research infrastructure, and guide strategic planning and budget management. He has also played a key role in advancing interdisciplinary initiatives, including work with the Kansas Water Institute and the development of new environmental and applied learning programs.

Trained as both a biologist and analytical chemist at Harvard University, the University of West Florida, UNC–Chapel Hill, and Oak Ridge National Laboratory, Culbertson maintains an active interest in research and in mentoring undergraduate and graduate students. His current projects focus on developing microfluidic devices to study chemotaxis in glioblastoma and on analytical methods to quantify PFAS compounds in biosolids and tissues to track environmental contamination.

His leadership emphasizes transparency, data-informed decision-making, and building strong partnerships across departments, campus units, and the broader community. Outside of work, he serves as President of his local Rotary Club and enjoys hiking and building aquaponic systems.