



Nim Chinniah
Northwestern University
Executive Vice President

Nim Chinniah is the Executive Vice President at Northwestern University. In this role, he serves as the Chief Operating Officer of the University and has overall responsibility for areas within the Business and Finance Division that includes Investments, Financial Operations and Treasury, Facilities, Human Resources, Information Technology, University Police Department, Budget and Planning, Change Management, Internal Audit, Compliance, University Services, and Community Relations. He also staffs the Finance, Educational Properties, and Audit, Risk, and Compliance Committees of the Board.

Nim came to Northwestern from the University of Chicago where he served as the Executive Vice President for Administration and Chief Financial Officer. He had responsibility for the Finance and Administration Division of the University, which comprised more than 900 staff in several departments, including Facilities Services, Human Resources, Information Technology, the University of Chicago Police Department, Parking and Transportation, Risk Management and Audit, Environmental Health and Safety, Financial Services, Business Diversity, and Real Estate. Other responsibilities included staffing University of Chicago Trustee Committees including Audit, Financial Planning, Campus Planning & Facilities, and Compensation.

Prior to his role at the University of Chicago, Nim worked at Vanderbilt University where he held several positions over a sixteen year period. As the Deputy Vice Chancellor for Administration and Academic Affairs at Vanderbilt University, he served as the chief financial officer for academic affairs and as the principal deputy to the Vice Chancellor for Administration and CFO.

Nim earned a M.B.A. from Vanderbilt University and a B.S. in computer science and business (summa cum laude) from Lambuth University.



He received the "Rising Star" award in 2003 from the National Association of College and University Business Officers. He also has served as chairman of the Nashville Human Relations Commission, a position appointed by the mayor of Nashville. He served as a member of the First Tennessee Bank Nashville Advisory Board and on the board of the Boys and Girls Clubs of Middle Tennessee, the University of Chicago Charter Schools, and on the Board of the Chicago Children's Choir.

Nim was named a 2011 Business Leader of Color by Chicago United and was a finalist for the 2011 Financial Executives International Chicago CFO of the Year award.