

Zora Mulligan



Zora Mulligan has served as executive vice president of Missouri State University since July 2022. In that role, she leads efforts to increase enrollment through admissions initiatives, student success, and employer partnerships. She also works closely with MSU President Clif Smart to drive progress toward the goals identified in the university's long-range plan and advocate for the university. Mulligan's previous roles include Commissioner of Higher Education for the State of Missouri, University of Missouri Chief of Staff, Missouri Community College Association Executive Director, and Assistant Attorney General.

Mulligan has been recognized as one of Springfield Business Journal's Most Influential Women (2023), Twelve People You Need to Know (2023), and Ingram's Magazine's 50 Missourians You Should Know (2023). She holds the Missouri State University Leadership Chair and received the Inclusive Excellence Leadership Award at MSU's Collaborative Diversity Conference in 2023. She has also received the Exceptional Leader Award from the State Higher Education Executive Officers Association (2021) and the Missouri Economic Development Council's Governmental Partner of the Year (2019). She is an ex officio member of the Springfield Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors and a board member of Jobs for America's Graduates.

Mulligan is a native of West Plains, Missouri, and a graduate of Drury College (B.S., 1998) and the University of Kansas (M.S.Ed., 2000, and J.D., 2003).