

Dr. Mamta Accapadi Bio:

Mamta Accapadi is the Vice Provost for University Life at the University of Pennsylvania. Prior to this role, Accapadi served as the vice president for student affairs at Rollins College. She has held administrative and teaching positions at Oregon State University, University of Houston and The University of Texas at Austin. She has also served as a consultant on diversity and inclusion efforts, specifically focusing on the development and empowerment of employee resource groups. Known for her service within student affairs professional associations, NASPA and ACPA, Accapadi has been recognized for her sustained focus on leadership pipeline development and mentorship opportunities for historically underrepresented communities. She has received multiple awards, including the Zenobia Hikes Award for her commitment to the advancement of women in higher education, and has been recognized as a Pillar of the Profession by NASPA. She served as an ACE Fellow in 2016, specifically focusing on the pathways to best support community college and four-year institution partnerships in service of students. As a scholar practitioner, her research interests include Asian American identity development, social justice education and issues impacting women of color. She attended The University of Texas at Austin, where she earned a bachelor's degree in microbiology, as well as a master's and Ph.D. in higher education administration.