

# Blank to leave UW-Madison at end of school year for president's post at Northwestern

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UW-Madison Chancellor Rebecca Blank is leaving the university at the end of the 2021-22 school year to become president of Northwestern University in Evanston, Ill.

Blank has served as chancellor since July 2013. According to the university, she has the second-longest tenure for a chancellor behind Irving Shain, who served in the role from 1977 to 1986.

“Leading UW-Madison and serving the people of Wisconsin has been an honor and a privilege,” Blank said in a news release. “Now it’s time to let someone else step into leadership. I have many connections with Northwestern and am excited about this new opportunity.

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