

John Volin is Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost at the University of Maine and the University of Maine at Machias. Prior to joining the UMaine community in August 2020, he served as Vice Provost for Academic Affairs at the University of Connecticut and previously served a decade as Head of UConn's Department of Natural Resources and the Environment. He began his academic career at Florida Atlantic University, where he conducted research in the Florida Everglades and has investigated ecosystems around the world, focusing on invasive species and restoration ecology.

Dr. Volin is deeply committed to student success and well-being. Since 2021, he has led the UMS TRANSFORMS Student Success and Retention Initiative, a \$45 million grant-funded initiative to facilitate a student success culture and supportive programs, including Research Learning Experiences and Pathways to Careers, across all seven universities within the University of Maine System.

Dr. Volin has been awarded more than \$30 million in extramural funding for both research and foundational activities. He has directed both FAU's and UConn's interdisciplinary environmental sciences program and co-founded the Eversource Energy Center. The award-winning Natural Resources Conservation Academy he established at UConn focuses on conservation and land use planning education for high school students.

Nationally, Volin serves on the Executive Committee for the Association of Public and Land-grant University's (APLU) Council on Academic Affairs, the Executive Committee of the Coalition for Transformational Education, and the NCAA Division I Committee on Academics. His numerous awards include a 2017 Excellence in Research Award from the UConn College of Agriculture, Health and Natural Resources, and a 2019 UConn Environmental Leadership Award. Early in his career, he was honored to receive the Broward Alliance's first Educator of the Year Award, as well as FAU's 2001 Researcher of the Year Award. He received a Ph.D. in forestry from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, where he also did a postdoctoral fellowship.