PRESIDENT

The University of Alaska Board of Regents invites nominations and applications for the position of President of the University of Alaska. The board seeks an accomplished, astute and effective leader who can provide strategic, innovative and collaborative leadership for the university. With 16 campuses and numerous outreach centers stretching nearly 1,200 miles from Ketchikan to Kotzebue, the University of Alaska serves over 32,500 students from diverse backgrounds in a place of awe-inspiring geography and immense distances. The president will be expected to take office in June 2015.

The president serves as executive officer of the University of Alaska Board of Regents and as chief executive officer of the university. Chancellors of the system’s major universities, University of Alaska Anchorage, University of Alaska Fairbanks and University of Alaska Southeast, report directly to the president.

The Presidency of the University of Alaska is an outstanding opportunity for a leader who enjoys the challenge of moving a complex academic organization to greater levels of achievement. The board seeks a highly experienced, politically savvy leader who understands how to advance agendas in higher education and to manage a multifaceted university system. As one of the most influential and visible leaders in Alaska, the President of the University of Alaska must constantly draw the connections between higher education and the state’s economic viability. He or she must be a tireless, persuasive advocate willing to travel widely within Alaska to encourage support for education and training beyond high school. The president should be a visible participant in national higher education issues and persuasive with federal agencies. He or she must be a coach for chancellors, a wise counselor for the board and a trustworthy resource for the legislature. He or she should work effectively with University of Alaska Foundation leaders. The next President should think creatively, develop collaborative and innovative solutions to challenging issues and be technologically informed. With an approachable style and a genuine respect for others, the next President should be dedicated to earning public and private support for the University of Alaska.

Application Process

The University of Alaska is being assisted by Academic Search, Inc. Applications should consist of a substantive cover letter addressing the qualifications and desired attributes, a curriculum vitae or resume, and at least five professional references with full contact information; references will not be contacted without the candidate’s explicit permission. Applications, nominations, and expressions of interest can be submitted in confidence to AlaskaPres@academic-search.com. The position will remain open until filled but materials should be submitted by March 31, 2015 for best consideration. Please contact Vice President and Senior Consultant Tom Fitch (rtf@academic-search.com) for a confidential discussion. For additional information, please view the full search profile under Current Searches at www.academic-search.com.

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