

PRESIDENT

MISSISSIPPI STATE UNIVERSITY

The Mississippi Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning invites expressions of interest in, and nominations for, the position of President of Mississippi State University.

The University continues to distinguish itself as a premier land-grant institution, serving over 17,000 students. With a faculty of 1,100, MSU offers 180 degrees through its eight colleges. The academic mission is also accomplished through the Extension Service, Experiment Station, the Forest and Wildlife Research Center, and the Division of Academic Outreach and Continuing Education. The University's annual budget is \$580 million, including some \$187 million in externally funded research. The University has enjoyed enormous success in recent fund-raising efforts, exceeding its \$400 million capital campaign goal a year ahead of schedule with commitments now exceeding \$428 million. The University's endowment is valued at approximately \$290 million.

The next President of Mississippi State must have extensive senior-level administrative experience, including an outstanding record of achievement in having successfully led a complex organization. It is expected that the President will enthusiastically embrace the mission of the University, be a visionary and inspirational leader, and have an in-depth understanding of the unique mission of a land-grant university. The President will have an unquestioned commitment to diversity, be politically astute, and have significant fund-raising skills.

The President must understand the unique complexities of leading a research university to the next level of achievement and greatness. Mississippi State continues to prosper and excel in all its endeavors. This Presidency offers the opportunity for an accomplished, distinguished, and visionary leader to continue the work of its many dedicated predecessors. One of our country's outstanding universities, MSU is now poised for dynamic growth and will welcome the new President enthusiastically.

The consideration and evaluation of candidate materials will begin August 1, 2008 and will continue until the search has concluded. Additional information about the position can be found at: <http://www.mississippi.edu> All correspondence relating to the position of President of Mississippi State University should be directed in confidence to the Board's executive recruitment consultant:

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