



Alcorn State University

The Mississippi Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning invites nominations and applications for the position of President of Alcorn State University (ASU). The Board of Trustees seeks a dynamic and exceptional leader with a deep understanding of the functions of historically black institutions and who will bring to the position a high degree of energy, sound judgment, and integrity.

Founded in 1871 as a comprehensive land-grant institution, Alcorn was the nation's first state-supported institution for the higher education of African Americans. The main campus of Alcorn is located in Claiborne County, Mississippi halfway between Vicksburg, to the north, and Natchez, to the south. The branch campus in Natchez is home to the School of Nursing and School of Business, and a variety of courses are offered at the Vicksburg location in collaboration with Hinds Community College. Seven schools offer programs leading to the associate, baccalaureate, master's, and specialist degrees. Approximately 3,300 full and part-time undergraduate and graduate students attend Alcorn State University which has a rich tradition of teaching, research, and public service.

As the University's chief executive officer, the President reports to the Commissioner and is responsible for implementing system policies and effective management of the institution; sustaining and enhancing the institution's mission and overall operations while fostering and building upon the existing traditions, distinctiveness, and strengths of the University; providing overall leadership and direct supervision of the vice presidents and selected executive administrators; working with a wide range of internal and external constituents, especially alumni; providing leadership in the development of high-quality academic programs, overseeing the University budget, and securing external resources.

The successful candidate must have an earned doctorate or appropriate terminal degree and a successful record of significant administrative leadership experience in higher education coupled with academic experience that qualify him/her for appointment to the tenured faculty. Preferred candidates should have demonstrated visionary leadership skills and significant management experience. He/she must possess energy and integrity, a commitment to student learning, growth and development as well as the intellectual, analytical and personal qualities for embracing and advancing existing and new University programs, expanding academic facilities, and building partnerships with business, government and philanthropic organizations. He/she must also have excellent interpersonal and communication skills; a strong commitment to advancing the use of technology; the ability to sustain and enhance the fiscal integrity of the University; recruit, retain, and evaluate a qualified and competent administration, faculty and staff; and work in a complex and dynamic environment.

A confidential review of nominations/applications will begin immediately and will continue until the position is filled. For best consideration, please submit materials before September 15, 2010. Nominators should send a letter of nomination, including name, address and telephone number of nominee. Applicants should include a cover letter explaining relevant experience, curriculum vitae and the names, addresses and telephone numbers of five references. Nominations and applications, which will be kept confidential, should be sent by e-mail to:

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The Mississippi Board of Trustees expects to make an appointment by December 1, 2010 with a reporting date of January 2011.