



The Mississippi Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning invites nominations and applications for the position of President of Jackson State University. The Board of Trustees seeks a dynamic, creative, and accomplished leader with vision, a record of scholarly accomplishment and integrity who can build upon the success of the University in continuing to enhance the state, region, and nation through comprehensive academic, research, and public service initiatives.

Founded in 1877, JSU has a rich heritage as a historically black university. A doctorate granting public institution of higher learning, JSU, with an enrollment of 8,250 students, educates a diverse student population from across the nation and many foreign countries by providing a broad range of baccalaureate programs and a variety of master's and doctoral programs in its six colleges. As the urban university in the state, JSU emphasizes public service programs designed to enhance quality of life and seek solutions to urban problems in the physical, social, intellectual, and economic environments. Located in Jackson, the capital city and the cultural, political, geographic and business center of Mississippi, the campus is a scenic 125-acre tract only five minutes from downtown and less than twenty minutes from Jackson International Airport.

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.

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