



POSITION SPECIFICATION

Vice President and Chief Research Officer National-Louis University January 2013

INSTITUTION

National Louis University is a private, non-profit, independent institution serving a diverse multicultural population of approximately 10,000 non-traditional undergraduate and graduate students through its three colleges: the National College of Education, the College of Arts and Sciences and the College of Management and Business. Students attend classes primarily on five campuses in the Chicago metropolitan area and two other campuses in Southern Wisconsin and Florida, and a campus in Poland. NLU, founded 126 years ago, has defined a bold new future as a professional university, preparing leaders, predominantly non-traditional learners who are ready to address tomorrow's challenges in the context of increasing global urbanization.

National Louis University (NLU) seeks a **Vice President and Chief Research Officer** to shape and guide its research agenda by building upon the existing corpus of expertise in engaged community research. NLU currently maintains strong foci in the fields of P-12 teacher and school leadership education and community psychology, and leverages long-standing and emerging local school and community partnerships. Leading work of the institution is currently anchored in deeply-rooted relations with organizations such as the Academy for Urban School Leadership, Teach for America, New Leaders for New Schools, several ethnically focused community agencies such as El Valor in Pilsen, and K-12 schools and districts throughout the Chicago-area.

For detailed information about the university, please visit the website: www.nl.edu

THE POSITION

In recent years, National Louis has successfully garnered both public/private funding support and collaboration with partners, and the institution is now ready for a strategic leader to define and shape its future research agenda. As such, NLU has set in motion a culture of inquiry amongst faculty and a strong interest in leadership to advance our positioning in the broader research landscape. Ultimately, the position requires a visionary to translate NLU's mission and expertise into a collaboratively-driven research agenda that will advance knowledge relative to community development, provide policy counsel and inform the academic and development community on best practices.

The Vice President and Chief Research Officer will serve as the authorized institutional official responsible for assuring academic integrity in research and compliance with federal, state and local regulations pertaining to research. Serving as a member of the University's leadership team, the Vice President and Chief Research Officer will establish the University's research strategic vision, goals and budgets and will represent the University's research interests to internal and external stakeholders. S/he will provide direct supervision and mentorship for all University research programs of the National College of Education, College of Arts and Sciences and College of Management and Business.

- Establish National Louis University’s vision for research.
- Implement infrastructure that facilitates the growth of research which complements and grows existing projects and partnerships.
- Develop, mentor, and govern productive research teams.
- Establish and ensure operational performance objectives to achieve strategic research goals.
- Connect, manage and develop relationships with the leadership team, faculty, and community partners.
- Develop a knowledge and understanding of the business and culture of the University.
- Demonstrate courageous leadership.
- Collaborate and share resources with the Office of Institutional Advancement.
- Oversee pre/post grants staff consisting of up to four people.

QUALIFICATIONS:

The successful candidate will have: a track record of increasing academic and leadership; experience conducting and managing interdisciplinary research programs; the ability to establish coalitions and encourage relationships between community leaders and investigators in order to facilitate multidisciplinary, community-campus-based research; a demonstrated record for securing external funding and establishing public/private alliances in order to advance a research agenda.

- Must possess a relevant doctoral degree and several years of related work experience.
- More qualified candidates will distinguish themselves with demonstrated success in obtaining sustainable funding/grants from a variety of public and private sources with history of doing so for large-scale research and development activities.
- An “ideas person” who can maintain continuity while being creative and appropriately confident in challenging strategic direction and recommending changes to accomplish organizational objectives.
- Evidence of research experience is required.

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National Louis University is an Affirmative Action/Equal Access/Equal Opportunity Employer dedicated to the achievement of excellence and diversity among its students, faculty and staff. NLU is committed to fostering a diverse and inclusive community and strongly encourages all qualified individuals to apply.