

National Louis University (NLU)
Chicago, Illinois

Position Specification

Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences (CAS) and
the College of Management and Business (CMB)

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THE OPPORTUNITY

Overview:

National Louis University (NLU) seeks a strategic, collaborative, and visionary academic leader to serve as Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences and the College of Management and Business. NLU has just completed celebrating its 125th year as one of the nation's most innovative institutions of higher education, and has defined a bold new future as a professional university, preparing leaders, predominantly adult learners who are ready to address tomorrow's challenges in the context of increasing global urbanization.

NLU serves more than 10,000 students in three Colleges with programs from the baccalaureate to the doctoral level primarily on five campuses in the Chicago metropolitan area and three other campuses in Southern Wisconsin and Florida. NLU has a highly diverse student body and a long tradition of serving urban, immigrant, and minority populations. Its programs are highly regarded for the quality of instruction, innovation, small classes that create strong ties between students and faculty, and flexibility that speak to the needs of its largely adult-learner student population, most of whom study part-time while continuing their careers.

Location:

Chicago, IL

The Position:

The Dean, reporting directly to, and partnering with, the Provost, will lead both the College of Arts and Sciences (CAS) and the College of Management and Business (CMB), strengthening the institution's ability to execute its strategic plan and effectively compete in the 21st century. Committed to academic excellence and student success, the Dean will have a distinguished record of teaching, scholarship, and leadership to provide visionary direction for both colleges within the parameters of the university's mission and strategic plan. S/he will have a demonstrated ability in building collaborative teams. The leader selected for this position will have the opportunity to be a transformational leader working with faculty to strengthen current successful programs and building distinctive robust market-driven programs that will advance student learning appropriate to the 21st century. S/he will engage all members of the academic community, listen carefully to their views, and collaboratively determine the Colleges' direction and the choices that focus resources around shared goals.

Responsibilities and Qualifications:

- Develop a strategy and plan to take advantage of innovative opportunities and experience in developing career-oriented programs that keep pace with rapidly changing market needs. This requires a deep analytical approach to the markets along with engagement with practitioners in current and potential fields of endeavor.
- Fiscally responsible, insuring that any new initiatives are funded based on sound business plans with a high probability of robust and sustainable returns.
- Earned Doctorate degree
- A demonstrated record of academic accomplishment, transformational leadership, and experience with adult-serving educational environments.
- Leadership experience in developing online programs and technology-enhanced learning environments.
- Experience in leading, developing and supporting full-time and adjunct faculty.
- Commitment and experience attracting diverse talent and nurturing a positive multi-cultural workplace.
- Experience with and demonstrated commitment to creating student success.
- Experience in helping to create a transformative commitment to measurable quality. A track record of excellence supported with experience in accreditation and the assessment of learning outcomes.
- Proven experience in recruiting, developing, retaining and evaluating faculty and professional staff.
- Familiarity with the finances, budgeting, planning, technology, operations and infrastructure of an urban, private, tuition-dependent university.
- Excellent communication skills and a collaborative leadership style; the ability to engage all multiple stakeholders in different locations in open dialogue; demonstrated commitment to an open culture that is respectful of all members of the community and committed to the highest standards of integrity.

Why consider the opportunity?

- Mission & Reputation: National Louis University has a 125 year history of transforming the lives of first-generation college students through innovative, high-value educational programs that combine the best of theory and practice.
- Transformation: You will join the leadership of NLU during a significant cross road for the University as they work to transform under the leadership of President Dr. Nivine Megahed. NLU is re-focusing its mission, moving toward a more market driven culture, and utilizing new and flexible models for higher education.
- Create: You will be part of creating NLU's new signature general education program.
- Lifestyle: Chicago provides an exciting urban environment in which to live, work, and play.

Procedure for Candidacy

Confidential review of applications will begin immediately and continue until the position is filled. Nominations, expressions of interest, and applications (including a statement of application and curriculum vitae) should be submitted via email to sfowler@summitsearchsolutions.com.

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Chicago, Illinois

Few cities in the world can match the character and culture of Chicago. Visitors and residents alike find world-class dining, museums, entertainment, and striking architecture in the largest and most visited city in the Midwest.

Chicago is the third most populous city in the United States with approximately 2.7 million residents.

The city is traversed by the Chicago and Calumet rivers, and with many parks and green spaces the city offers stunning natural beauty along with an urban landscape. Lake Michigan offers a wonderful escape, and Chicagoans can stroll the shoreline, play volleyball, bike, or jog along the lakefront. The Chicago Park District consists of 552 parks with over 7,300 acres of municipal parkland. There are 33 sand beaches, two world-class conservatories, sixteen historic lagoons, and ten bird and wildlife gardens.

As a multicultural city that thrives on the harmony and diversity of its neighborhoods, Chicago today embodies the values of America's heartland – integrity, hard work, and community and reflects the ideals in the social fabric of its 77 distinct neighborhoods. Some favorite ethnic communities to explore in Chicago include Greektown, Chinatown, Ukrainian Village, and Little Italy.

Chicago is recognized across the United States as a very passionate sports town. With professional teams such as the: the Chicago Bears, Blackhawks, Bulls, Fire, Cubs, and White Sox.

The dining choices in Chicago area are as diverse as the people, and everything from ethnic food to contemporary and innovative dining can be found. The city is home to 23 Michelin-starred restaurants, with one three-star restaurant, Alinea. Saveur Magazine even dubbed Chicago “America’s new culinary star.”

Chicago has long been known for theatre, from big productions at landmark venues in Chicago’s downtown Theatre District to experimental works at small storefront theaters in outlying neighborhoods. In addition, Chicago's theatre community spawned modern improvisational theatre. When it comes to music, there are live performances of every kind every night of the week, although jazz and blues have a special place in the city’s cultural history.

Chicago is a travel hub, which means it’s easy to get to and from anywhere in the country or the world. Chicago is served by Midway International Airport on the South Side and O'Hare International Airport, the world's third busiest airport, on the far Northwest Side. Once one is in Chicago, there are many convenient options for getting around, from bike paths and L trains to buses and cabs.

For additional information on Chicago, please visit:

<http://www.cityofchicago.org/city/en.html>

<http://www.explorechicago.org/city/en.html>





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