# Saybrook University Oakland, California

Position Specifications President

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## **THE ORGANIZATION**

#### About Saybrook University:

**Saybrook University** is the world's premier institution for humanistic studies, scholarship and practice. Founded in 1971 by a group of prominent scholars and psychologists, including Abraham Maslow, Rollo May, and Carl Rogers it has long been recognized as the intellectual center of humanistic psychology and has since become a noted thought leader in areas including Organizational Systems, Human Science, Mind-Body Medicine and Interdisciplinary Studies.

One of the first American universities to offer graduate education at a distance for working professionals, Saybrook offers graduate level courses that combine online education with in-person classes, intensive seminars, and conferences. A nonprofit university composed of four schools including the School of Organizational Leadership and Transformation, the School of Mind-Body Medicine, the School of Clinical Psychology, and the School of Psychology and Interdisciplinary Inquiry. Saybrook students are passionate and dedicated to inspiring transformational change in their communities—and the world.

Saybrook University is an affiliate of TCS Education System, one of the largest nonprofit education systems of its kind in the United States. With annual revenues that exceed \$140M, other TCS Ed colleges include The Chicago School of Professional Psychology, the Santa Barbara & Ventura Colleges of Law, Pacific Oaks College and Children's School, and the Dallas Nursing Institute. Since 2009, TCS Education System has pioneered mission-driven collaborations with educators committed to creating agents of change who impact the world. The Saybrook University President will be a member of the TCS Executive Council. <u>www.saybrook.edu</u>

## Location:

Saybrook University headquarters will be moving this summer from its current location (San Francisco) to just across the bay to 475 14th Street, Oakland, California.

## **THE OPPORTUNITY**

President

Elected by the Board of Trustees, the President of the University is the chief executive and administrative officer of the University. It is the responsibility of the President to embody and articulate the mission of Saybrook and to provide leadership which will enhance institutional growth, stability, and excellence. The President is responsible to the Board of Trustees for implementing all policy decisions of the governing board and for the administration of all programs and services provided by Saybrook University. The President will collaborate with TCS Education System in support of the enhanced operations of the University. The President is Saybrook's principal spokesperson, and represents the University to the community. The President builds strong relationships with key stakeholders, including the Board of Trustees, students, faculty, staff, alumni, donors and funders, local communities, collaborating institutions, and accrediting agencies. The President is devoted to promoting and enhancing educational programming and research grounded in the values of humanistic philosophy.

## **Qualifications:**

- An earned doctorate from an accredited institution
- Appreciation of Saybrook's history, impact, culture, and potential
- Understanding of professional, graduate education; experience in an institution that offers academic programming like Saybrook preferred
- Senior level experience in higher education administration with a strong record of strategic leadership
- Ability to inspire shared vision and purpose; to bring people together
- A collaborative and nurturing style
- Demonstrated leadership in accreditation processes
- Strong understanding of operations/business acumen including marketing and innovative program building and enrollment strategies
- Demonstrated financial management and budgeting skills
- Ability to hire and develop strong faculty and staff
- Understanding of matters of governance and their application in an education system
- Knowledge of or interest in humanistic (person-centered) ways of being and of leading
- A commitment to diversity
- Ability to raise funding through varied sources

Saybrook University strives to provide equal employment opportunities (EEO) to all employees and applicants for employment without regard to race, color, religion, gender, sexual orientation, national origin, age, disability, genetic information, marital status, amnesty, or status as a covered veteran in accordance with applicable federal, state and local laws.

## President

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# Oakland, California

To say Oakland is eclectic and diverse would barely skim the surface of this melting pot. You're just as likely to bump into a scholar, a federal judge, a tech entrepreneur and a civil rights activist in a one-block area. Downtown, just five years ago, a swath of the area's Victorian and Art Deco

storefronts were vacant and in need of repair. Today, they are renovated and lit up with unique shops selling Japanese barware, clothing and art galleries. Oakland isn't about just business, it is a vital crossroads where all the cultures meet.



The 12-city block City Center complex in the midst of downtown is in the heart of the city, with a conference center, hotel, parking garage, restaurants, racquet club and BART in the basement. Free noontime concerts are held throughout the year.

If you want to escape the city for star-gazing, stand-up paddle boarding and hikes through redwood forests you can do that too. Or get up close and personal with more than

450 species at the Oakland Zoo, bring out your inner science geek at Chabot Space & Science Center, and learn why Walt Disney was inspired to create Disneyland after a visit to Children's Fairyland.



The unique character and charm of the neighborhoods in and around Oakland provide upscale to ethnically diverse communities while many commuters appreciate the familyfriendly suburbs.

You can see why many of the attributes that make Oakland a model city also make the city a great place to work, live and visit!

## Things to see/do in Oakland

- o Oakland Zoo
- o <u>Chabot Space & Science Center</u>
- o Oakland Museum of California
- o Oakland Aviation Museum
- o <u>USS Potomac</u>
- o Children's Fairyland
- Paramount Theatre of the Arts
- o Jack London Acquatic Center
- o Fox Oakland Theatre
- o East Bay Regional Parks
- African American Museum & Library at Oakland
- o East Bay Winery Bike Tours
- o <u>Metropolitan Golf Links</u>
- o Oakland Ice Center
- o <u>Pardee Home</u>

## Transportation

- o Oakland International Airport
- o BART (Bay Area Rapid Transport)
- o <u>Ferry</u>
- Amtrak (Train)
- <u>Bus (Alameda-Contra Costa</u> <u>Transit District)</u>

## Information

- o Visit Oakland
- Oakland Chamber of Commerce
- o Oakland Relocation Guide
- o City of Oakland California
- o Oakland City Center