



Staff Vacancy

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The University of Louisiana at Lafayette invites applications and nominations for the position of Vice President for Research. The University is one of nine publicly supported universities in the University of Louisiana System. Our University consists of eight degree-granting colleges and the Graduate School. The University's enrollment is 16,687 and it employs approximately 650 full-time faculty. At present the University offers 100 undergraduate degrees, 26 master's degrees, 10 doctorates, and 20 graduate certificates.

The city-parish of Lafayette, Louisiana is home to the University of Louisiana at Lafayette. The city-parish is a progressive, technology-oriented region of approximately 225,000 people. Lafayette is a city highly recognized for its tremendous standard of living, unique Cajun and Creole cultures, high-tech atmosphere, and pleasing climate, as it is consistently rated as one of the best places to live in the United States, as well as one of the best places for doing business. As a result, the region is home to numerous high-tech companies and cultural entities that provide significant support to the university.

UL Lafayette is designated by the Carnegie Foundation as a Research University with High Research Activity. Over the last decade, UL Lafayette has consistently ranked among the top 200 universities as reported by the National Science Foundation (NSF) based on an annual survey of federal and non-federal research and development expenditures. For the Fiscal Year 2012 National Science Foundation Higher Education Research and Development Survey, the University reported research and development expenditures in the amount of \$65.2 million dollars. With an additional \$9.4 million for expenditures for non-reportable other sponsored programs, the University's total expenditures for research and sponsored programs in FY 2012 were \$74.6 million dollars. Over the last three fiscal years, our largest federal sponsors were the Department of Health and Human Services, the National Science Foundation, the Department of Energy, and the Department of Defense.

The individual holding this position reports directly to the Provost and has central responsibility for promoting excellence in research across the University. This Vice President has the following areas of responsibility:

- Continuing the growth in the University's research mission through vision and leadership.
- Overseeing the efforts of the University Research Park and University Research Centers.
- Building alliances with business and governmental entities that lead to increased resources for the University.
- Coordinating the activities of the University in the area of research including identifying on-campus research efforts.
- Prioritizing and promoting research opportunities, as well as identifying national trends in which the University should participate.

- Directing efforts of the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs.
- Working with industries and federal, state and local agencies to support campus projects.
- Recommending campus-wide research policies to the Provost.
- Serving on state, regional, and national committees directed to the promotion and support of research.
- Overseeing technology transfer and economic development activities of the University.

Qualifications include an earned doctorate from an accredited institution; a visionary leader capable of working well with departments, college deans, business leaders, and government agencies at all levels; and excellent communication skills. The ideal candidate will be a proven leader with a national research identity; be able to demonstrate previous administrative success; be supportive of economic development; and conversant with technology and technology transfer issues.

Screening of applications will begin on September 1, 2013, and will continue until the position is filled. The appointment will commence on a date agreed to by the successful candidate and the President. Candidates should electronically (PDF format) send a letter of application containing a statement of their professional philosophy as it relates to research and economic development; a resume; and the names and addresses of five references to:

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