

# PRESIDENT



On behalf of Eastern Illinois University, the Board of Trustees invites nominations and applications for the position of President. The University seeks an experienced, student centered, collaborative, outgoing leader whose resourcefulness, vision and engagement will move Eastern Illinois University forward for years to come.

Founded in 1895 as a normal school, EIU today is a public, Master's II, comprehensive regional university with an educational environment in which faculty and students can collaborate and learn from one another. With small classes taught by professors, EIU is a residential campus of 12,000 students and 600 faculty. It is a place where quality and personal attention thrive. The University offers highly respected programs in business, the arts, education, sciences, humanities and the professions. With excellent faculty, engaged students, committed staff and supportive alumni and foundation members, EIU is a strong university with an enviable record of achievement. Enrollment is at its highest historical level.

The attractive 340 acre campus is located in Charleston, part of the agricultural heartland of Illinois, within a two hour drive of major metropolitan centers. It enjoys strong support from its local community and stable, trusted leadership by its administrative team and Board. Shared governance is highly valued at EIU. Faculty and staff are represented by a number of unions for collective bargaining purposes. A new faculty four year contract was approved by the Board in November, 2006.

EIU presents an exceptional opportunity for an experienced and resourceful leader in higher education who is capable of using its relationship based value system and intellectual engagement to realize its aspirations. The next President will be a leader with the ability to listen, consult and engage others in reaching the University's goals. He or she will stimulate University progress through skillful leadership, development of financial resources and effective advocacy at the state and national levels. As an exceptional communicator with an approachable, friendly style, the next President of EIU will work effectively in a collective bargaining environment, with regional leaders and with students, staff and faculty as well as the Board of Trustees. The next President will appreciate the benefits of stability and tradition, but be imaginative and strong enough to introduce change which will benefit the University. An earned doctorate or terminal degree is preferred.

Eastern Illinois University cordially invites interested parties to learn more about the University through its Web site: [www.eiu.edu](http://www.eiu.edu). A Position Profile for the President may be found at:

[www.academic-search.com](http://www.academic-search.com) under "Current Searches."

Candidates should submit electronically a letter of interest reflecting their strengths relative to the Profile, their curriculum vitae and the names and full contact information for at least 6 references in Microsoft Word to:

[EIUpresident@academic-search.com](mailto:EIUpresident@academic-search.com)

While consideration of candidates will continue until the position is filled, for best consideration, applications should be complete and submitted by January 26, 2007. Every effort will be made to assure confidentiality until finalists are named.

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