



The University of Mississippi.

Chancellor

The Mississippi Board of Trustees of **State Institutions of Higher Learning** invites applications and nominations for the position of Chancellor of the University of Mississippi.

The University of Mississippi is a public, comprehensive research institution that exists to enhance the educational, economic, health care, social, and cultural foundations of the state, region, and nation. As the oldest public institution of higher learning in the state and as a Carnegie Research University (high research activity), the institution's primary functions are the creation, dissemination, and application of knowledge through a variety of undergraduate, graduate, and professional programs and public service activities. The University's main campus in Oxford, Miss., emphasizes a traditional, residential educational experience, with a central College of Liberal Arts and professional schools of Accountancy, Applied Sciences, Business Administration, Education, Engineering, Law, and Pharmacy. Through its breadth of academic and research programs and its strong liberal arts tradition, the Oxford campus serves the educational needs of the entire state and attracts a high percentage of out-of-state students. The University's regional campuses in Tupelo and Southaven emphasize professional offerings and serve adult and traditional learners in north Mississippi. The University of Mississippi Medical Center in Jackson includes the Schools of Medicine, Nursing, Health Related Professions, Dentistry, and Graduate Studies, as well as the University Hospitals and Health System.

The University educates students to assume leadership roles in the state, nation, and world through its nationally recognized programs of undergraduate, graduate, and professional study. Its teaching, research, and service missions are characterized by equal access and equal opportunity to all who qualify.

University of Mississippi Commitments

Teaching

The University provides excellent, student-centered academic and co-curricular programs. Its goal is to produce graduates who have the breadth and depth of knowledge to be lifelong learners, to be successful in their discipline, and to be good citizens. Instruction builds upon a central College of Liberal Arts, the foundation of the institution, with its programs through the doctorate in the natural sciences, humanities, social sciences, and arts. The University's professional schools provide programs, including continuing education programs, for preparing the following: K-12 and higher education teachers and administrators; lawyers and legal professionals; engineers in a variety of specialty areas; accountancy and business professionals; pharmacists and pharmaceutical science researchers; and health care and applied human sciences professionals. Academic programs also include the Sally McDonnell Barksdale Honors College, Lott Leadership Institute, and Croft Institute for International Studies. The Medical Center programs train health care professionals at the first professional, graduate, and postgraduate levels.

Research

The University produces research and scholarship that is nationally recognized and supports the economic, health care, and cultural development of the state, region, and nation. The mission to generate new knowledge extends to the sciences, humanities, social sciences, engineering, business, accountancy, applied sciences, educational pedagogy, biomedical sciences, and health care areas. Research centers of national prominence include the National Center for Natural Products Research; Center for

Pharmaceutical Marketing and Management; National Center for Physical Acoustics; Center for the Study of Southern Culture; National Center for Computational Hydroscience and Engineering; National Center for Justice and the Rule of Law; National Remote Sensing, Air and Space Law Center; National Institute for Undersea Science and Technology in Oxford; and the Jackson Heart Study, Center for Excellence in Cardiovascular-Renal Research, and Center for Excellence in Women's Health in Jackson.

Service

The University is a leader in providing service to the public through the application and dissemination of its expertise and knowledge in Mississippi, the region, and the nation. This public service function is fulfilled through a variety of outreach programs involving almost all academic disciplines and extending across north Mississippi, with branch campuses in Tupelo and Southaven, and reaching state-wide and, in some cases, beyond. Its service and outreach programs include the Barksdale Reading Institute, National Food Service Management Institute, and William Winter Institute for Racial Reconciliation. The University of Mississippi Medical Center seeks to raise the health level of Mississippians by advanced medical care in Jackson and by responding to the needs of Mississippi communities through continuing health care education, outreach programs, and cooperative partnerships.

Additionally, the University is committed to:

- developing diverse campuses that recognize and promote the value of individual differences;
- providing the highest quality educational support services and modern health care technologies to enhance the learning and patient care environments;
- maintaining efficient and effective administrative services to support its basic functions;
- supporting and developing a highly qualified faculty and staff; and
- leveraging its strengths and expertise by developing interdisciplinary programs within the institution and partnerships with other IHL institutions for the benefit of the University and the state.

University of Mississippi Goals for 2010

1. The University will provide excellent, student-centered undergraduate academic and co-curricular programs. Its vision is to produce graduates who have the breadth and depth of knowledge to be lifelong learners, to be successful in their discipline, and to be good citizens.
2. The University will provide high quality graduate and professional education in a range of disciplines and will produce research and scholarship that is nationally recognized and supports the economic, health care, and cultural development of the state, the region, and the nation.
3. The University will provide the highest quality educational support services to enhance the learning environment and to provide access to information for students on the Oxford, Jackson, and regional campuses.
4. The University will be a leader in providing service to the public through the application and dissemination of its expertise and knowledge in Mississippi, the region, and the nation.
5. The University will develop a diverse campus that recognizes and promotes the value of individual differences.
6. The University will maintain efficient and effective administrative services to support its instructional, research, and public service programs. The University will be a good steward of its resources.
7. The University will support a highly qualified faculty and staff and will provide an environment that enables their professional development.

8. The University will strive to leverage its strengths and expertise by developing interdisciplinary programs within the institution and synergistic partnerships with other institutions for the benefit of the University and the state.

Opportunity

As chief executive officer, the Chancellor is responsible for the operation and management of a four-campus comprehensive university, with an annual operating budget of \$1.4 billion and a total endowment of \$495 million. The University includes nine schools at Oxford, five at the Medical Center in Jackson, an Advanced Education Center in Tupelo, and the Desoto Center in Southaven. It also offers classes in Grenada, a fifth location. Through these five campuses, the University provides extraordinary educational opportunities for 17,300 students.

Desired Characteristics

- Excellent academic credentials and record of scholarship or equivalent experience and accomplishments that command the respect of the University community.
- A passion for and commitment to excellence in undergraduate and graduate education.
- Strong leadership skills that inspire and motivate others.
- Senior-level experience managing a large and complex organization and the ability to work with both internal and external constituencies including faculty, staff, students, the local community, alumni, government, the media and the general public.
- Ability to prepare and implement a comprehensive and fiscally responsible University budget.
- Ability to generate resources for the University including both public funding and private fundraising and to connect these resources to the mission of the institution.
- Ability to recruit excellent administrators as well as develop, mentor, and retain a strong leadership team.
- Experience working effectively with federal, state and local public officials.
- Commitment to a diverse student body, faculty and staff and to promoting issues of multiculturalism.
- Ability to work successfully within a state-wide system of higher education.
- Appreciation for the importance of sustainability to the future of the University and community.
- Appreciation for the value of a strong Division I intercollegiate athletic program.

The Board of Trustees invites letters of nomination, applications (letter of interest, complete CV, and references) or expressions of interest to be submitted to the search firm assisting the Board. Confidential review of materials will begin immediately and continue until the appointment is made. It is preferred, however, that all nominations and applications be submitted prior to April 20, 2009 to:

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