Dean of the College of Public Service

Jackson State University (JSU), a unit of the Mississippi State Institutions of Higher Learning, invites nominations for the position of Dean of the College of Public Service. The University seeks a dynamic leader with knowledge, vision, experience, and commitment who can promote advocacy, external relations, and visibility for the College.

Founded in 1877, JSU has a rich heritage as a historically black university. Recognized by the Carnegie Foundation as a research-intensive institution of higher learning and also known as Mississippi's only urban university, the institution enrolls over 9,000 students in more than 93 academic program leading to baccalaureate, master's, specialist, and doctoral degrees offered in five (5) academic colleges. JSU is located on over 173 acres in the state capital and Mississippi's largest metropolitan area and has the advantages of both urban life and the familiar environment of several close-knit and small yet growing residential communities surrounding the city.

The Dean of the College of Public Service is the chief administrative and academic officer of the College. He or she reports to the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs and serves as liaison between JSU and College faculty, staff, and students. The Dean is responsible for providing overall leadership to the College's strategic planning process by ensuring curricula, faculty, and students strive for superior quality and diversity. He or she is responsible for educating students from diverse backgrounds for outstanding professional service and developing local, national and international innovative leaders in the professional academic disciplines represented in Communicative Disorders, Public Health, Public Policy and Administration, Social Work, and Urban and Regional Planning.

The preferred qualifications include a doctoral degree in a public health related field with qualifications for appointment as a tenured full professor; distinguished record of accomplishment in funded research/scholarly work, teaching, and service; demonstrated leadership and significant administrative experience in public health and/or practice in one of the related disciplines; demonstrated knowledge of and leadership in discipline-specific accreditation; demonstrated ability to build partnerships, and commitment to collaborations across academic disciplines and administrative units; demonstrated skill in social entrepreneurship and innovative, out-of-the-box thinking; demonstrated experience working with diverse and underrepresented populations; a strong commitment to academic quality and to the development of the highest level of faculty, staff and student potential; demonstrated ability to participate effectively and successfully in external fund-raising, resource development, and fostering collaborative relationships; a strong record of commitment to faculty governance and collegiality; demonstrated ability in consensus building and making decisions in a timely manner; excellent oral, written and interpersonal skills; and the ability to promote the unique mission of the College to students, faculty, alumni, administration, and external stakeholders.

Nominations should include a letter including the name, address and telephone number of the nominee. Applications should include a letter describing interest in the position and relevant qualifications, curriculum vitae and the names, addresses, telephone numbers and e-mail addresses of five references. A review of nominations and applications, which are confidential, will begin immediately and will be accepted until the position is filled. For best consideration, application materials should be received by May 15, 2012. Application materials should be sent electronically (Microsoft Word or PDF) to:

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The University expects to make an appointment by mid-June with a reporting date of July 1, 2012.

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