



President

The Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia and the Presidential Search and Screen Committee invite letters of nomination and applications for the position of President of the University of West Georgia. This presidency is an excellent opportunity for an engaging, visionary leader who is inspired to advance the University's mission to enable students, faculty and staff to realize their full potential through academic engagement, supportive services, professional development and a caring, student-centered community.

The University

The University of West Georgia (UWG), a charter member of the University System of Georgia, is a comprehensive, public university based in West Georgia with multiple instructional sites and a strong virtual presence. UWG supports students in their efforts to complete degrees in relevant programs, valuing liberal arts and professional preparation. Through effective and innovative teaching, experiential learning, scholarship, research, creative endeavor and public service, UWG equips graduates to engage with and discover knowledge. UWG is dedicated to building on existing strengths and developing distinctive academic, research, and co-curricular programs and services that respond to economic development and identified regional, state, and global needs, thus empowering alumni to contribute responsibly and creatively to a complex 21st Century global society.

UWG is the sixth largest public university in Georgia and set enrollment records with 13,733 students in the fall of 2018. The University offers 87 fields of study, including bachelor's, master's, specialist and doctoral programs as well as post-baccalaureate and post-master's certificates. UWG is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC), and is classified as a Level VI University, the highest level possible. The Carnegie Classification of Institutions of Higher Education awarded UWG the classification of Doctoral Research University R3. Only seven other Georgia institutions of higher learning qualify for doctoral university status. Founded in 1906, UWG grew from a district agricultural and mechanical school to a two-year institution and then a four-year college in 1957. The University achieved university status in 1996.

UWG Mission Statement

The mission of the University of West Georgia is to enable students, faculty and staff to realize their full potential through academic engagement, supportive services, professional development and a caring, student-centered community.

UWG is committed to academic excellence and to community engagement, offering high-quality undergraduate, graduate, and community programs on-campus, off-campus, and online.

The University System of Georgia

The University System of Georgia is composed of 26 higher education institutions, including four research universities, four comprehensive universities, nine state universities, nine state colleges, the Georgia Public Library Service and the Georgia Archives.

Position Overview

The university seeks a student-centered, visionary leader to further UWG's trajectory and build on its most recent [strategic plan](#) that focuses on student success, academic success, successful partnerships and operational success. In this highly visible role, the president will work with a broad set of stakeholders – faculty, staff, students, alumni and community members – to chart the future direction of the university so that it continues to positively impact those on campus as well as act as a leader of economic development and educational attainment for the region it serves. The president will need to effectively and energetically articulate the university's vision to a wide variety of groups on local, regional and national levels. UWG serves a diverse student population and community and the president will share the institution's unwavering commitment to diversity and inclusion.

Candidates should have a history of collaborative organizational leadership, the ability to attract financial support for the university and its programs, and a strong record of creating and supporting a climate of openness, understanding and mutual respect. A transparent leadership style is highly desirable, as is experience within a shared governance environment.

The ideal candidate will have significant experience building strong teams and working collaboratively with stakeholders. This individual should be an engaged listener, effective communicator and exceptional relationship builder. The next president should have experience in managing the financial and budgetary operations of a complex enterprise and the creative thinking and entrepreneurial skills necessary to move the institution forward and ensure its future. The president should be fluent in current and emerging topics in higher education, including trends related to distance and online learning, student success and student engagement, and social, financial and environmental sustainability. A terminal degree is strongly preferred.

Applications and Nominations

Confidential inquiries, nominations and applications are invited. Review of applications will continue until the position is filled. For fullest consideration, application materials should be received no later than Tuesday, October 22, 2019. Candidates should provide a resume or CV, a letter of application that addresses the responsibilities and requirements of the presidency, and the names and contact information of five references. References will not be contacted without prior knowledge and approval of candidates. These materials should be sent electronically via email to the University of West Georgia's consultants Ann Yates, Ryan Crawford and Sarah Miller at UWGPresident@wittkieffer.com.

It is the policy of the University of West Georgia to follow federal law in regards to affirmative action and equal opportunity. The University of West Georgia's affirmative action program and related policies are developed in compliance with Executive Orders 11246 and 11375, as amended; Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964; the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (Sections 503 & 504) and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (Title II) and their implementing regulations; the Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967; and the Vietnam Era Veterans Readjustment Assistance Act of 1974, as it amends 38 U.S.C. 4212.