



The Board of Trustees invites nominations and applications for the next President of Florida Atlantic University.

Florida Atlantic University, located in Boca Raton, Florida, opened in 1964 as the fifth of 11 institutions comprising the State University System of Florida. The University was dedicated on October 25, 1964, by President Lyndon B. Johnson, one of the few American institutions of higher learning to be so honored by a sitting President of the United States. Florida Atlantic University opened as the first university in the nation serving upper-division and graduate students exclusively. Twenty years later, in 1984, FAU became a four-year university when the first freshman class was admitted.

Today, Florida Atlantic University is a public research university serving approximately 28,000 students through nine colleges on seven campuses and sites along the southeast coast of Florida. In addition to the original 850-acre campus in Boca Raton, FAU serves students at locations in Fort Lauderdale, Davie, Dania Beach, Jupiter, Port St. Lucie and Fort Pierce.

The President is the chief executive office of the University and responsible for all aspects of its mission and operation. The President reports to the Board of Trustees.

The new President of Florida Atlantic University will bring vision and clarity to the role of our multi-campus university in meeting the changing needs of the region, the State of Florida, the nation and the world. He/she will be a strategic, innovative and results-oriented leader with significant experience leading a large and diverse institution. He/she will have distinguished academic credentials; an earned doctorate or appropriate terminal degree and a strong personal record of scholarly achievement are preferred.

FAU's President will have a successful history in acquiring resources from public and private sources and the ability to energize and engage alumni and to lead an ambitious development campaign. He/she will build coalitions and raise funds to expand significantly the University's resource base. The University's new leader will have considerable experience building infrastructure that can support the collaborative research relationships and innovative spirit that are fostered and practiced at FAU. He/she will use that experience to build on the current exceptional momentum in the University's development as an internationally recognized research university. The new President will be an experienced bridge builder with a strong history of community involvement. He/she will grow FAU's innovative public-private partnerships and measurably strengthen the University's relationships with educational and other local institutions, businesses, foundations, alumni and local, state and federal governments. He/she will be an articulate and passionate advocate and will communicate the priorities, needs and aspirations of the University effectively to both internal and external constituencies.

The new President will demonstrate the ability to be a leader and advocate for FAU in the evolving environment of higher education in Florida and will maintain and strengthen relations with members of the State University System including other presidents, the Board of Governors, and the Chancellor. The President will be a thoughtful leader who understands the dynamics and knows the trends and issues in higher education and how they apply to a public research university within the national and global context of the 21st century.

Personal Qualities

The successful candidate for President of FAU will demonstrate the highest degree of personal integrity and ethical standards. He/she will be committed to the value of diversity and the creation of a community in which all members can thrive. The new President will have a high level of energy and enthusiasm for the mission and values of FAU. He/she will be able to build and sustain highly productive leadership teams and inspire others to strive for excellence. Self-confident and open to challenge and critique, he/she will be forward-thinking and capable of managing dynamic change. The new President will be proficient in strategic planning and have a keen understanding of strategic choice in resource allocation.

FAU's new leader will be committed to the creation of an environment where high quality undergraduate and graduate teaching is valued and rewarded and in which faculty and student research and creative activity can flourish. He/she will understand the role of athletics within a university community. He/she will be able to work effectively with a governing board and will understand collaborative labor relations and collective bargaining processes. The FAU President will be a consensus builder with a fair, collaborative and transparent leadership style. Finally, the University's new leader will possess patience when needed and a good sense of humor.