



PRESIDENT

The Board of Trustees invites nominations and applications for the next President of Florida Atlantic University, who will provide vision and direction 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.

HISTORY

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.

FAU TODAY

Today, Florida Atlantic University is a comprehensive public university serving approximately 30,000 students at sites throughout its six-county service region in southeast Florida. With more than 3200 employees and an annual operating budget of \$600 million, FAU has an economic impact in South Florida of \$6.3 billion per year. The University's 10 colleges offer more than 170 undergraduate and graduate degree programs in fields that span the arts and humanities, the sciences, medicine, nursing, accounting, business, education, public administration, social work, architecture, engineering, computer science, and more. In the last five years alone, FAU has completed more than \$300 million of capital projects on its vibrant and flourishing campuses. Florida Atlantic University is now a university known for excellent and accessible undergraduate and graduate education, distinguished for the quality of its programs across multiple campuses, and classified as a very high research institution that is internationally acclaimed for its contributions to creativity and research as well as its collaborations with regional partners. For more information: <http://www.fau.edu/explore/files/2012quickfacts.pdf>.

On the Forefront of Research

Built on a rich tradition as a teaching university with a respected faculty, FAU is earning a reputation as a top research institution in areas ranging from biomedicine and biotechnology to ocean engineering and coastline security.

This research will lead to the next generation of medical cures and technological advancements, all of which builds the local economy. FAU is classified as a High Research Activity institution by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching.

Living and Learning

Outside the classroom, hundreds of student activities from fraternities and sororities to pre-professional student associations enrich the learning experience and nurture relationships that last a lifetime. And while there is no substitute for the dynamic synergy created in the classroom, FAU faculty and students seek out real-world experiences that enhance the classroom experience, such as internships, hands-on research and study-abroad opportunities.

Inspired by the Community

A truly engaged university is one that builds a two-way street between the campus and the community. FAU is committed to connecting local business, government and nonprofits to the faculty, staff and students.

Flying Forward

With people from all 50 states and more than 180 countries studying, living and working at FAU, few things unite like standing shoulder to shoulder at a game cheering the Owls to victory. The University sponsors 19 NCAA Division I sports teams that compete nationally in Conference-USA. A gleaming new 30,000-seat football stadium opened on the Boca Raton campus in 2011, giving FAU the only Division I stadium in America with views of the Atlantic Ocean.

THE POSITION

The President is the chief executive officer 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 a significant history of strong, inclusive leadership to this complex university setting. Such leadership is required to bring together various stakeholders of FAU, including both internal and external constituents, to embrace and advance the vision and mission of the university. The President will be a strategic, innovative and results-oriented leader with significant experience leading large and complex organizations.

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. The ability to develop positive relationships with public officials and effectively navigate within the political climate at the local, state and national levels is key. 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 advocate for FAU in the evolving environment of higher education in Florida and will maintain and strengthen relations with the State Legislature, as well as 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

Florida Atlantic University encourages candidates from all professional backgrounds. 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.

APPLICATION/NOMINATION PROCESS

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. 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 *January 3, 2014* to:

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