



## ASSOCIATE VICE PRESIDENT FOR GOVERNMENT RELATIONS

The University of Nebraska System invites nominations and applications for the position of Associate Vice President for Government Relations.

**Position:** Reporting directly to the President, the Associate Vice President for Government Relations (AVP-GR) serves as the University's chief lobbyist and represents the entire University to the Governor's office, the Nebraska Legislature, agencies of state government, and to Congress and federal agencies.

The AVP-GR is responsible for developing positive and productive relationships with government officials, community leaders, and various community organizations; for determining legislative strategies; and for managing external lobbyist relationships. As a member of the President's Executive Cabinet, the AVP-GR is responsible for advising the President, the Board of Regents, and University leadership on all government relations matters.

### Responsibilities:

- Identify and/or develop opportunities for new federal and state funding and resources for major University initiatives, research, programs, and capital projects.
- Identify emerging regulatory issues and emerging federal, state, and local legislature that may affect the University's programs, mission, and student body and lead the development of a strategic and organized approach for advocating the University's position.
- Interact with key government officials including the Nebraska Congressional Delegation, Governor's Office, Nebraska Legislature, and executive branch officials to ensure regular communication, engagement, and understanding of the University.
- Serve as policy advisor to the University President on all public policies and issues relating to federal, state, and local governments. Develop and prepare position statements which represent the best interests of the University. Build and enhance relations with external stakeholders and government officials by development, educating, and communicating the University's position on these policies.
- Inform and advise University leadership and faculty regarding legislature and the pursuit of academic or financial objectives within the legislative and executive branches of federal and state government.

- Develop and maintain systematic procedures for monitoring and analyzing relevant pending legislation and assist in the determination and communication of the University's position on such legislation.

**Qualifications:**

- Bachelor's degree and seven years of progressive work experience in government affairs, public policy, and/or external relations.
- Demonstrated ability to work effectively with federal government officials and Nebraska state government officials, including the Governor's Office, Nebraska Legislature, and other executive branch officials.
- Demonstrated ability to recommend strategies for accomplishing strategic legislative objectives.
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills.
- Strong analytical and interpersonal skills.

**Preferred Qualifications:**

- Ten years of progressive work experience in government affairs, public policy, and/or external relations.
- Juris doctorate (J.D.)
- Experience working in or with higher education institutions and/or familiarity with higher education issues and familiarity with the University of Nebraska System.

**Application Procedure:** Apply for this position at <https://careers.nebraska.edu> with an applicant profile and attach a letter of application addressing the professional attributes mentioned above; a current resume; and the names, telephone numbers, and email addresses of three professional references. Review of applications or nomination material has begun and will continue until the position is filled. If you need an accommodation in order to apply, please contact Human Resources at 402.472.3701.

**Nominations:** Send nomination information to: [president@nebraska.edu](mailto:president@nebraska.edu).

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