



CHANCELLOR

The University of Nebraska (NU) invites nominations and applications for the position of Chancellor of the University of Nebraska at Omaha (UNO).

ABOUT UNO

The University of Nebraska at Omaha is Nebraska's premier metropolitan research university, offering nationally recognized bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees. UNO is dedicated to the highest levels of academic achievement, diversity and inclusion. The opportunity to create the next chapter continues as the University of Nebraska at Omaha addresses the changing needs of metropolitan area, state, region and world.

A Carnegie Doctoral/Research University offering more than 200 programs of study, the university was built on a commitment to providing a rigorous, relevant, and affordable education, which meets the diverse needs of traditional and nontraditional students. UNO is host to NCAA Division I sports in the Summit League. Spanning more than 150 acres on multiple campuses in the heart of Omaha, the university has long set the pace for accessible higher education in Nebraska and continues to offer an academically rigorous experience to a diverse student body of over 12,000 undergraduates and over 3,000 graduate students. UNO's student population represents 33 states and 71 countries, and in 2012, 40 percent of UNO's student body was first generation. The university is driven by the extraordinary connection to and partnership with the city of Omaha, a dynamic metropolitan area of over 900,000 people, rated as one of the best environments for living in the nation. UNO's six colleges are dedicated to providing rigorous undergraduate and graduate academic programs taught by faculty who are national and international experts in their fields. These Colleges include College of Arts and Sciences, College of Business Administration, College of Communication, Fine Arts and Media, College of Education, College of Information Science & Technology and the College of Public Affairs and Community Service. On the academic side, priorities include early childhood education, global engagement, STEM fields education and sustainability. UNO is widely recognized for its military friendliness with a presence at Offutt Air Force Base since 1950 and its connections to urban, regional, national and global communities. For seven consecutive years, UNO has remained on the President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll, the highest federal recognition a school can achieve for its civic engagement. In 2014, UNO was the recipient of the Presidential Award for Economic Development. UNO is one of the original group of institutions receiving the Carnegie Elective Classification for Community Engagement in 2006, and renewed in 2015.

Since UNO became part of the University of Nebraska in 1968, there has been a strategic growth including new construction- Mammel Hall, the state-of-the-art, 120,000-square-foot home of the College of Business Administration, to the Health, Physical Education and Recreation building,

one of the premier university recreation centers in the country and the Biomechanics Research Building, the first of its kind in the world. In 2014 UNO celebrated, the grand opening of the new 60,000-square-foot Community Engagement Center, which supports and allows for further expansion of university-community partnerships. UNO has added 832,000 total square feet of facilities and renovated more than half of its academic space in recent years. Student housing has been constructed, allowing more students to live on campus and fully experience all that UNO has to offer.

CURRENT UNO STRATEGIC PLAN

The UNO Strategic Plan is being updated based on a campus and community input. Draft versions of the plan as it develops will be available at <http://www.unomaha.edu/strategic-plan/index.php#plan>. The current mission, vision, values, and strategic goals are below.

Mission

The University of Nebraska at Omaha is Nebraska's metropolitan university -- a university with strong academic values and significant relationships with our community that transforms and improves life.

UNO will:

- Place students at the center of the educational enterprise;
- Expand the educational achievement, intellectual aspirations and horizons of our students with local, state, national, and global communities;
- Offer comprehensive educational programs and services of the highest quality;
- Serve as a recognized center for research, scholarship, creative expression and artistic performance designed to meet the broader community's needs;
- Provide outreach partnerships that address the concerns and interests of the broader external community and, in doing so, become an integral part of the community;
- Build understanding and respect in academic and human relationships by reflecting the dynamic and culturally rich nature of the metropolitan area;
- Exercise statewide responsibility for selected graduate and undergraduate programs.

Vision

The University of Nebraska at Omaha will be a metropolitan university of high distinction -- a university with strong academic and scholarly values distinguished by creative relationships with the communities we serve.

Values

The University of Nebraska at Omaha community is a diverse group of individuals sharing core values and working together to accomplish a common mission and vision.

UNO:

- Believes that knowledge enriches the lives of all people and is committed to preparing students to face the challenges of living and learning in an ever-changing world;
- Strives for an ideal educational partnership characterized by the commitment of: students to learning;
- faculty to the highest ideals of teaching, research, service; and staff to the highest standards of education and service;
- Values the welfare, talents, and future of our employees and commits to expanding their professional development;
- Values the educational, cultural, and economic strengths of our communities and is committed to enhancing these through teaching, research, service and outreach;
- Values educated and healthy citizens and is committed to offering programs that improve their quality of life;
- Encourages, celebrates, and adopts the principles of inclusion, representation, openness and diversity.

Strategic Goals:

UNO will be recognized as a student-centered metropolitan university.

UNO will be recognized for its academic excellence as a leading metropolitan university.

UNO will be recognized for its outstanding engagement with the urban, regional, national, and global communities.

ABOUT THE UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA

Founded in 1869, less than two years after Nebraska became the nation's 37th state, the University of Nebraska is the state's only public university. It was the first institution west of the Mississippi River to establish a Graduate College. The University of Nebraska was reorganized under a 1968 act of the Nebraska Legislature, adding the University of Nebraska at Omaha (formerly the municipal University of Omaha) and designating the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and the University of Nebraska Medical Center as separate campuses. In 1991, the University of Nebraska at Kearney (formerly Kearney State College) became a campus of NU. The university also includes many research, extension, and service facilities statewide, as well as a two-year technical college of agriculture. Today, the university enrolls more than 50,000 students across the four campuses and employs more than 15,000 staff. Since 2005, it has received an average of \$270 million in sponsored research funds per year and is a major contributor to the state economy. The university is led by a President and is governed by a Board of Regents whose eight members are elected by Nebraska voters. The student body presidents of the four campuses also serve as Regents. The Office of the President provides overall leadership to the university in academic affairs, budget development and control, business and finance, physical planning, policy development, external affairs, diversity and equity, and legal affairs.

The chancellors of the four campuses, who are appointed by the President with the approval of the Board of Regents, serve as vice presidents of the university and as chief executive officers of their own campuses.

THE ROLE OF THE CHANCELLOR OF UNO

The UNO Chancellor reports to the President of the University of Nebraska and is a peer and partner to the chancellors of the other three NU campuses. The Chancellor serves as UNO's chief executive officer, exercises broad delegated authority, and is responsible for all aspects of campus administration including functions such as human resources, information technology, and budgeting; academic services such as curriculum development, student services, and student recruiting; and operations across the campus. In addition, the UNO Chancellor plays a vital external role, serving as a spokesperson in diverse forums and as a partner to a wide range of public and private institutions.

Positions reporting directly to the UNO Chancellor are:

- Senior Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs;
- Vice Chancellor for Business and Finance;
- Vice Chancellor for Athletic Leadership and Management Director of Intercollegiate Athletics;
- Executive Associate to the Chancellor and Dean of the College of Communication, Fine Arts, and Media.

PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPECTATIONS

The Chancellor will be a leader for higher education in the State and will have an understanding of the role and mission of a metropolitan research university. The preferred candidate will provide leadership and develop cooperative relationships with the University's diverse constituencies including faculty, staff, students, alumni, community members, and Nebraska state policy makers.

Desired qualifications and characteristics also include:

- An earned terminal degree and evidence of scholarly, professional, or creative achievement commensurate with tenure as a full professor at a doctoral university required;
- Unquestionable character, integrity and a high level of emotional intelligence;
- Ability to be an inspirational, entrepreneurial, confident, inspiring, and pro-active leader;
- Demonstrated experience fostering interdisciplinary approaches to world-class education and research;
- Proven transparent and collaborative leadership with significant administrative experience and sound fiscal acumen in a complex organization;

- Commitment to academic values involving students and faculty, learning and research, and collaborative shared governance;
- Passion for preparing students for productive and successful lives;
- A passionate advocate for the arts;
- Relationship driven leadership with a track-record of fundraising and donor cultivation;
- Strong communication skills and a capacity to interact with a wide variety of vital university and community constituents;
- Demonstrated knowledge and evidence of a history of commitment to diversity, inclusion, and multicultural education;
- An understanding of the importance of the university's role in the economic development of the state of Nebraska and the ability to align the assets of UNO to address those needs;
- Ability to be a powerful proponent of UNO and the region through deep community engagement;
- Developing a cooperative and mutually beneficial relationship with the chancellors within the University of Nebraska system;
- An understanding of and an appreciation for the role of athletics in the University setting;
- Capacity to promote international outreach and programs to further the development of students, faculty, staff, and build the reputation of UNO.

APPLICATION PROCESS

The Chancellor Search Advisory Committee invites letters of nomination, applications (letter of interest, comprehensive curriculum vitae, and contact information of at least five references), or expressions of interest to be submitted to the search firm assisting UNO (electronic submissions preferred). Confidential 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 March 13, 2017.

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