



CENTRAL CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY

New Britain, Connecticut

PRESIDENT

The Board of Regents for Higher Education of the Connecticut State Colleges and Universities (CSCU) announces the search for the next President of Central Connecticut State University and invites expressions of interest, nominations, and applications.

The new president of Central will join an energetic and ambitious community of creative faculty, dedicated staff, inquisitive students, and passionate alumni, eager to meet the challenges of public higher education in Connecticut and increase Central's effectiveness and reach as one of the state's premier institutions of higher learning. Building on the sustained and successful work of Central's current president, Dr. Jack Miller, the new president will reap the benefits of a history of careful and systematic planning, conservative budgeting and sound financial management, stable enrollments, creative and well-targeted curricular development, an experienced and effective senior leadership team, a well-developed institutional advancement effort, and a dramatic expansion and enhancement of campus facilities.

Founded in 1849 as New Britain Normal School, Central has evolved to become a modern comprehensive university with both undergraduate and graduate programs built on a robust foundation of liberal learning. One of four comprehensive universities of the 17-member Connecticut State Colleges and Universities, Central is the oldest public institution of higher education in Connecticut.

Central's five schools – the Carol A. Ammon College of Arts and Sciences, the School of Business (AACSB-accredited), the School of Education and Professional Studies, the School of Engineering, Science, and Technology, and the School of Graduate Studies – offer 100 major programs in over 80 fields of study, including bachelor's and master's degrees as well as several sixth-year professional diplomas and doctoral degrees in educational leadership and nurse anesthesia practice. In recent years, Central has added master's programs in accounting, exercise science, and STEM education, and an MBA.

Central's 12,086 diverse students are taught and mentored by 450 talented full-time and 499 part-time faculty members and are supported by a devoted full-time staff of 531 and a part-time staff of 225, all of whom are true partners in the educational enterprise.

Central's faculty and staff provide a rich educational experience in addition to classroom instruction. Its international study/travel program is ranked by *Open Doors* as one of the top 40 in the nation among regional comprehensive universities; it is ranked eighth for its faculty-led short-term courses. Twenty-one percent of Central's graduates have had a research experience. The Carnegie

Foundation for the Advancement for Teaching has recognized Central for its high level of community engagement.

The president serves as the institution's chief executive officer, is accountable to the President of the CSCU for the management of the University within Board policy, and works collaboratively with presidential colleagues of the three other universities, the twelve community colleges, Charter Oak State College, and the system leadership to meet state goals. The president works in concert with other senior leaders on campus to develop campus policy in support of system objectives, directs the activities of University administrative staff, provides stewardship of University resources, enhances Central's instructional programs, facilitates research and other creative activity, fosters University relations with alumni and the public, and serves as the face of the institution to internal and external constituencies.

Central's next president will be a strong and proven academic leader, who understands the academic enterprise and can make the case for liberal arts education and its integration with professional preparation, and who understands and values the work of faculty in teaching, research, and service. The new president will be able to engender trust from all of Central's constituents—students, faculty, staff, alumni, and community members. This will require someone who is comfortable working with a high degree of transparency and accountability. The new president will also be entrepreneurial and able to recognize opportunities when they present themselves and create them when they don't. A deep personal commitment to diversity, inclusion, and service to the community is essential.

The ideal candidate will have a strong academic background, a history of successful leadership and administration in higher education, an appreciation of liberal arts education within the academy, a history of success in external relations and a demonstrated ability for fundraising, a broad understanding of higher education, skills in financial management and planning, a commitment to shared governance within a collective bargaining environment, a demonstrated commitment to diversity and inclusion, and experience in a public university system.

For further information about this opportunity and instructions to applicants, please visit www.agbsearch.com/searches/president-central-connecticut-state-university

For fullest consideration, applications should be received by August 15, 2016.

Nominations and inquiries are welcomed and should be directed to:

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