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Drake University invites applications and nominations for the position of DEAN, COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES. Review of candidate materials will begin immediately and will continue until an appointment is made. The successful candidate will begin service in summer 2009.

Drake is a comprehensive private institution with a well-articulated mission to promote the integration of liberal arts and professional education in order to shape its students as reflective practitioners and engaged citizens. Drake faculty are scholars and creative performers, but their first priority is effective teaching.

Drake's six colleges and schools offer breadth and depth in all of their programs. The University's approximately 5,600 undergraduate, graduate, and professional students may choose from more than 70 programs of study, and they have the option of designing a major to help meet educational, professional, and personal goals. Drake's student-to-faculty ratio of 14:1 offers a quality experience that reflects its mission statement and allows for the type of personal attention expected from a private institution. Professors are partners in their students' learning processes, both in and out of the classroom. Located in Des Moines, Iowa's capital city, the University is positioned to provide learning opportunities through partnerships with the city's wealth of businesses, schools, government, and cultural activities.

The College of Arts and Sciences prepares students for productive careers, active leadership, and responsible citizenship in the global and diverse community of the future through its interdisciplinary programs, offerings in the natural sciences, social sciences, humanities, and fine arts. In the classroom, laboratory, studio, and library, the goal of both students and faculty is to create a dynamic learning community that focuses principally upon the students and their personal, intellectual, and professional growth and development. The College offers degree programs in the full range of arts and sciences disciplines and interdisciplinary programs, enabling students to lay the groundwork for careers in business, the arts, and the professions. It also provides the liberal education experiences for students in the University's undergraduate professional programs and, through its School of Fine Arts, addresses the artistic needs of all members of the Drake community.

The Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences is the chief academic and administrative officer of the College, providing leadership for fifteen departments and four interdisciplinary programs in the humanities, natural sciences, and social sciences, and is the Director of the School of Fine Arts (art, theatre, and music). She/he works with the Provost and the Deans of the other Schools and Colleges to foster and maintain quality academic programs. The Dean also collaborates with the Office of Alumni and Development and with the President in fundraising for College initiatives and programs.

The Drake University College of Arts and Sciences is looking for:

- A Dean who values and embraces the vision and mission of Drake University and the College of Arts and Sciences
- An accomplished administrator with command of budget and personnel issues
- An individual with a robust commitment to, and broad approach toward, diversity
- A champion of the liberal arts and sciences in a comprehensive private university
- A passionate advocate for faculty and programs in the College of Arts and Sciences who will partner effectively with the Drake University administration in advancing College initiatives and priorities
- An enthusiastic representative of the College who will participate in fundraising efforts
- A vigorous supporter of interdisciplinary programs and scholarship
- A person with a recognized scholarly/creative record
- An excellent communicator who engenders trust through openness, accessibility, and transparency
- A loyal team member who will work effectively with faculty, staff, the Office of the Provost, and the Academic Leadership Team to foster and maintain high-quality academic programs and initiatives within the College and across the University
- A transformative leader with creative and flexible ideas regarding organizational structure, change, and the efficient operation of the College

A complete position profile with additional information about Drake University and this search may be found at: <http://www.drake.edu> or at www.academic-search.com.

The successful candidate will have a Ph.D. or equivalent academic credential, an outstanding record of accomplishment in teaching, research, and professional service, and will have achieved the rank of full professor. Applications and nominations will be reviewed beginning immediately, but will be accepted until an appointment is made. Application materials should include: 1) a letter of interest that specifically addresses how the candidate's experiences and qualifications intersect with Drake University's mission, strategic direction, and desired characteristics listed for the Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, 2) a curriculum vitae, and 3) the names, addresses, telephone numbers, and e-mail addresses of five references for future contact—please also include your professional relationship with each reference listed. All names will remain confidential, except for those individuals invited to campus interviews. Application and nomination materials should be submitted electronically to: DrakeA&S@academic-search.com.

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