

PRESIDENT

MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY



Upon the retirement of Geoffrey Gamble, Montana State University (MSU) is seeking applications and nominations for the position of President. The President reports to the Board of Regents of the Montana University System through the Commissioner of Higher Education.

MSU is Montana's land grant university and ranked by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching among the top 96 research universities in the nation (RU/VH). It is multi-site university with its flagship campus in Bozeman, additional campuses in Billings, Havre, and Great Falls, and land grant agencies with facilities throughout the state. The combined enrollment of the university exceeds 20,000, with more than 12,000 enrolled on the Bozeman campus, 1,850 of whom are graduate students.

MSU offers bachelor's degrees in 51 fields, master's degrees in 42 fields, and doctoral degrees in 18 fields, with numerous specialized programs and certificates. The Bozeman campus is organized into eight colleges (Agriculture, Arts & Architecture, Business, Education/Health & Human Development, Engineering, Letters and Science, Nursing, and University College) and numerous research centers, institutes, and laboratories. There are more than 500 tenure-track, 350 adjunct, plus research and extension faculty, and nearly 800 professional and 1200 classified staff. In 2008 sponsored research expenditures totaled \$96 million.

Bozeman, a community of approximately 30,000 people with cultural offerings of an urban area while being surrounded by four mountain ranges, national forests, spectacular ski resorts and blue-ribbon trout streams, was ranked by Bizjournals.com at the top of the list of cities that offer the highest quality of life in the West.

MSU seeks an accomplished leader with the experience, skills, and passion for education to effectively lead a major land grant university in the pursuit of still greater levels of institutional excellence in teaching and learning, research, knowledge transfer, and outreach. The new president must be prepared to maximize the benefits of a multi-site university; be prepared to engage internal and external constituencies in addressing issues of educational access, affordability and quality; be inclined toward and skilled in forging collaborative relationships to advance the university's development and better serve the State of Montana; and bring understanding and respect for the political process, combined with a willingness to effectively engage the state's political leadership on behalf of the university.

A prospectus for this search with information about the university, the major agenda for the new president, and qualifications for the position may be found at www.academic-search.com/search.html. Those considering becoming candidates are urged to visit this search Web site. In order to assure full consideration, complete applications, including a thoughtful letter of interest, curriculum vitae, and a list of at least five professional references with e-mail addresses and telephone numbers must be received by July 22, 2009. Nominations, inquiries, and applications are treated confidentially and should be submitted electronically (MS Word or Adobe PDF) to:

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