



## **VICE PRESIDENT OF STUDENT LIFE**

Whitworth University invites nominations and applications for the position of Vice President of Student Life. Founded in 1890, Whitworth University is at the strongest point in its history. Its strength lies in the institution's mission to provide an education of mind and heart characterized by both rigorous and open intellectual inquiry and a deep commitment to the integration of Christian faith and learning. As a community of Christians, Whitworth values commitment to Christ's gospel as essential to remaining faithful to its mission. As a community of scholars, Whitworth embraces the task of exploring new ideas. There is a broad sense of ownership of the mission in a culture characterized by trust and collaboration between faculty, administrators, staff, and students.

A comprehensive institution offering undergraduate and graduate programs, the University has experienced steady growth. Total enrollment has climbed to approximately 3,000 students. The academic profile of the incoming freshman class has also risen as the GPA and SAT scores improved to 3.7 and 1803 respectively. The freshman to sophomore retention rate is 85 percent and the six-year graduation rate for the most recent cohort is 80 percent. Graduate programs have grown to include more than 300 students enrolled in master's degree programs in education, teaching, counseling, business administration, international management and theology.

Reporting to the President, the Vice President of Student Life provides leadership, supervision and administrative management for all student life functions including: residence life, student activities, counseling, career services, health and wellness services, spiritual life, education support, student employment, intercultural and international student programs, service learning and community engagement, and student leadership training and development. The Vice President of Student Life is a member of the President's cabinet and has administrative faculty status.

The preferred candidate for this position will possess the following: a doctoral degree in a field related to student development; a minimum of five years of successful administrative and leadership experience at the college level; demonstrated competence over a broad range of leadership and educational functions including student development, integration of student life and academics, strategic planning, financial management skills; demonstrated leadership that enhances Whitworth's sense of community, fosters just and trusting relationships across all differences, values diversity, and encourages collaboration between students, faculty, staff, administration and board members; and a commitment to the educational mission of Whitworth University as a Christian liberal arts college affiliated with the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

Nominations and expression of interest may be directed to R. Thomas Williamson, [tom.williamson@academic-search.com](mailto:tom.williamson@academic-search.com) or Dr. Ramon S. Torrecilha, [ramon.torrecilha@academic-search.com](mailto:ramon.torrecilha@academic-search.com) who are assisting the search.

Applications must include a letter of interest, curriculum vitae, a faith essay and five professional references, and should be sent to:

[whitworthvpsl@academic-search.com](mailto:whitworthvpsl@academic-search.com)

For guidance on writing the faith essay please visit, <http://www.whitworth.edu/Administration/HumanResources/FacultyFaithEssay/Index.htm>.

Applications will be reviewed until the position is filled, however, review of applications will begin November 4, 2011.

For additional information about Whitworth University, please visit [www.whitworth.edu](http://www.whitworth.edu). The position profile can be found at [www.academic-search.com](http://www.academic-search.com), under the tab for current searches.

*Whitworth University complies with all federal, state, and local nondiscrimination laws that are applicable to religious nonprofit institutions and does not engage in unlawful discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, sex, or disability. With the University's commitment to building a diverse community, the University encourages applications from populations underrepresented at Whitworth including members of racial/ethnic communities, women, and persons with disabilities.*