



Vice President for Advancement **POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT**

Eastern University invites nominations and applications for the position of Vice President for Advancement. The University seeks an experienced advancement professional who embraces the values of the University's motto of "faith, reason, and justice" to lead its constituent relations and fundraising efforts.

THE UNIVERSITY

Ranked as a top-tier university by *US News and World Report*, Eastern operates its scenic 114 acre campus in St. Davids, Pennsylvania, a family-friendly Philadelphia suburb, as well as at other locations including Philadelphia, central Pennsylvania, West Virginia and Washington, D.C. In fact, this campus, with its three lakes, wooded walking trails, and historic waterwheel, is ranked number three of the Top 25 Most Beautiful Christian Colleges in the U.S. The University's umbrella includes a growing online student population as well as branch campuses Esperanza College and Palmer Theological Seminary.

Eastern University is a Christian institution in the evangelical Protestant tradition. It was founded in 1932 as a college of Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary (today known as Palmer Theological Seminary). The University is dedicated to the preparation of undergraduate, theological and graduate students for thoughtful and productive lives of Christian faith, leadership and service. It is committed to excellence in scholarship and teaching; to the whole gospel for the whole world through whole persons; to justice, reconciliation, and transformation; to responsible leadership and stewardship; and to Christian community.

Today, Eastern University offers its 4,300 full- and part-time students 33 undergraduate majors, 15 master's degrees, 3 doctoral degrees, an AA program (with seven different concentrations), and a seminary-based certificate program. Eastern University Eagle athletics have been recognized in recent years with numerous individual and team honors, including All-American, conference championship, and NCAA tournament appearances.

LEADERSHIP

Eastern's new president, Dr. Robert Duffett, who assumed leadership in July 2013, is passionate about institutional advancement and fund raising, and he has a long track record of success. He is seeking a driven and talented leader who pursues unusually successful outcomes. Eastern University and Palmer Theological Seminary have had some success in advancement and fund raising, but there is considerable opportunity for an experienced advancement leader to take this program to previously unforeseen heights, and a broad institutional desire to support that effort. With a comprehensive campaign on the horizon, this

opportunity is particularly inviting for a person with proven leadership and successful advancement experience.

THE REGION

Eastern University is located in St. Davids - a beautiful Philadelphia suburb that provides easy access to the city and attractive suburban charm. With more than 6 million citizens, Philly is the fifth-largest city in the United States and the second-largest city on the east coast. The city is famously known as the birthplace of American independence and is replete with iconic and world-class cultural, arts, sports, entertainment, shopping, and culinary treasures. Valley Forge is only minutes away from the campus and the renowned Liberty Bell, Betsy Ross House, and Independence Hall highlight a long list of cultural treasures nearby. The metropolitan region is home to some eighty postsecondary institutions, a critical asset that has had a catalytic effect on Philadelphia's economic prosperity. This broadly diverse city features many compelling communities with outstanding educational and health choices for families, and it is within an easy two hour drive or ride to New York City and Washington, D.C.

CANDIDATE PROFILE

The successful candidate will be a person with a strong track record of building and managing a growing advancement program. The new Vice President will be a person with a strong record of personal engagement and achievement in major/principal gifts and campaigns. Ten years or more of progressively responsible and successful fundraising experience, preferably in Christian higher education is desired. Candidates with comprehensive experience building annual, major and planned gift programs, leading campaigns, and working cooperatively with a Board of Trustees, are highly valued for this position. The successful candidate will display an unusual ability to build effective relationships with a diverse group of key internal and external constituents and will demonstrate success in building teams and inspiring performance excellence. For more information about the position and to read the full position description, please go to: [Vice President for Advancement job description](#).

NOMINATIONS AND APPLICATIONS

Nominations and applications will be accepted until the position is filled. Inquiries, nominations, and applications may be directed in confidence to: Robert Driver and Doug Mason, c/o Gonser Gerber LLP, 1776 Legacy Circle, Suite 100, Naperville, IL 60563; rdriver@gonsergerber.com and dmason@gonsergerber.com. To apply, please submit a cover letter, résumé, and five professional references. References will not be contacted until later in the search process.

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