

St. John International University

Interim President

St. John International University (SJIU), a private, co-educational New Hampshire university operating in a castle in Vinovo, Italy (near Torino), seeks an exceptional administrator and strategic thinker to serve a one- to three-year term as interim president. Reporting to a Board of Directors, the President resides in Italy and works closely with the University's founder in Vinovo and the administrative office in Concord, New Hampshire.

The presidency presents an exceptional opportunity to lead a newly created educational institution committed not only to offering academic programs of the highest quality to a globally diverse student population, but also to helping them understand the responsibility that each has towards sustainability of the natural and social worlds. A priority for the Interim President will be to further develop the University's study abroad program with colleges and universities in the United States, as well as enhance the schools marketing efforts for international students.

RESPONSIBILITIES

The Interim President will:

- propel the University toward higher levels of achievement of its mission
- initiate entrepreneurial and resourceful approaches to financial leadership and management
- pursue strategic courses of action, keeping the institution on track to meet goals and objectives successfully
- work collaboratively with the founder and key board members, as well as others, internally and externally, building relationships and partnerships
- possess discernment and judgment to assess, modify and find a coherent path on which to build the institution's academic programs and enrollment
- excel in representing the college locally, nationally and globally

QUALIFICATIONS

Qualified candidates will have

- preferably, a doctoral degree, along with significant administrative leadership and faculty experience
- preferably, the ability to speak and read Italian
- effective communication skills, both oral and written, especially in articulating the mission, vision and goals
- successful financial leadership experience that demonstrates resourceful approaches to handling a complex operating budget
- the ability to lead collaboratively in a manner that provides a supportive, responsive working and learning environment for faculty, staff and students
- a leadership style that enhances the relationship of the University with other educational institutions
- the ability to strategically position the University to achieve future success
- the ability and confidence to develop new relationships and nurture present ones that support the University's vision, mission, and goals
- the highest standards of personal and professional integrity and credibility
- ability to travel internationally, as need

ABOUT ST. JOHN INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY

Founded in 2007, SJIU is a registered as a for-profit company in New Hampshire, with its main administrative office in Concord, New Hampshire, and its campus in Vinovo/Torino, Italy, housed in the Della Rovere Castle, currently being renovated. All courses are taught in English, and the University's pedagogy is founded in the American tradition of a liberal arts education.

The University has four-year undergraduate and two-year graduate degree programs. In May 2008, the State of New Hampshire, Postsecondary Education Commission, approved to the University to offer the following degrees:

- Bachelor of Science in Environmental Architecture
- Bachelor of Arts in Environmental Studies
- Bachelor of Arts in Film Studies
- Bachelor of Arts in Art History
- Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration
- Masters in Architecture
- Masters in Business Administration
- Master of Arts in International Arts Administration

In 2009, the New Hampshire Legislature authorized the University to confer degrees upon its graduates, subject to the authority of the New Hampshire Postsecondary Education Commission.

THE UNIVERSITY'S MISSION

The mission of St. John International University is to offer liberal arts educational programs of the highest quality to a globally diverse student population. Through its undergraduate and graduate programs in the American tradition, St. John International University's objectives include promoting humanism, fostering respect for the fundamental rights of the individual, emphasizing research, and instilling awareness of one's physical and cultural surroundings. By integrating these objectives, graduates gain an environmental and cultural awareness, which prepares them to share with other members of society the responsibility that each has towards the natural and social worlds.

THE CAMPUS

The Vinovo Castle Campus is located 10 miles from Torino's city center. Originally built in 1510, the structure is of historical and cultural importance, and its restoration is underway. Highlights include original frescoes by Pinturicchio and original terra cotta reliefs in the courtyard. Once completely restored, the castle will have over 54,000 sq. ft dedicated to faculty, staff and student use, along with a 480-seat cinema, sports facilities and a park at its disposition. The entire castle campus is equipped with WI-FI.

REFERRALS AND APPLICATIONS

Referrals, letters of interest and applications, including a cover letter and resume, should be submitted to:

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W. Donald Gough is the American liaison for St. John International University and serves on its Board of Directors. A graduate of Eastern College and the University of Wisconsin, he is a past Chair and current member of the Board of Trustees of Eastern University in Pennsylvania. He serves as President of Gough Management Company and of University Advisors International.