



VALDOSTA STATE UNIVERSITY

Valdosta, Georgia

Inviting Nominations and Letters of Application for

PRESIDENT

*The Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia is conducting a nationwide search for a strategic thinker and proven administrative leader to serve as **President of Valdosta State University**. The President is responsible for effectively building on VSU's steadily growing enrollment; expanding facilities; leading-edge learning technology and high-quality undergraduate and graduate programs; and the recruitment and development of high quality faculty in teaching, scholarship and service.*



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Responsibilities

Responsibilities of the VSU President include:

- Foster a vibrant and empowered learning community through a proven leadership style that evokes trust, welcomes collaboration, reflects confident decision making, and effectively engages the talents and experiences of the administration, faculty, staff, and students
- In collaboration with VSU's internal and external stakeholders, implement, evaluate, refine, and advance a vision, mission, and strategic plan that is aligned with the University System of Georgia's strategic plan
- Oversee a sound budgetary and fiscal planning process that sustains and enhances VSU's long-term financial strength and utilizes the institution's resources to their fullest
- Work effectively with the Board of Regents and local, state, and national agencies and

organizations in advocating the current and future needs and plans of VSU

- Recruit, develop, and lead staff and administration effectively

Requirements

An earned doctorate or appropriate terminal degree with experience in teaching, scholarship and service is required. The successful candidate also will demonstrate:

- Extensive knowledge of and experience with academic communities of higher learning and possess a strong commitment to high academic standards and to the enhancement of teaching, learning and scholarship
- Knowledgeable and judicious budgetary and fiscal planning and oversight experience
- An ability to develop and implement long-term strategic goals and plans
- Commitment to shared governance, including faculty, staff, and students



MISSION STATEMENT

Valdosta State University is a dynamic community of scholars focused on teaching, research, creative endeavors, and service. The living/learning environment is student-centered, preparing a diverse student body to contribute to an evolving technological and global society. Our university promotes the highest educational and ethical standards while advancing economic and cultural development. The quality of our engagement transforms students' lives, for which we aspire to be a national model.



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- Commitment to the professional development of faculty and staff, and a track record of developing people and leaders
- Commitment to a progressive vision and the future growth of the university in terms of teaching, scholarship, service, population, finance, technology and facilities
- An ability to communicate effectively and inspire confidence
- Essential leadership in fund-raising, working collaboratively with the stakeholders and advancement staff to implement successfully the university's program for resource development
- Commitment to diversity among faculty, students, and staff

About Valdosta State University

One of two regional universities in the University System of Georgia, VSU is a dynamic community of scholars focused on teaching, research, innovation and service. The university has an operating budget of more than \$100 million and an enrollment of 13,000 students. VSU employs more than 1,500 faculty, staff and administrators. Valdosta State offers 73 undergraduate degrees and 59 graduate degrees in on-campus, online and hybrid delivery formats. More than 150 student organizations are active on campus.

Scholarship and academic research at VSU are constantly growing, including the active pursuit of applied research projects that provide technical expertise throughout the university's service region. The university enhances the South Georgia region economically and culturally through partnerships, including South Georgia Medical Center, Valdosta Lowndes County Chamber of Commerce, P-12 educational initiatives, the VSU Symphony, and the VSU Theatre and Dance.

The university has two campuses

STRATEGIC PLAN 2011-2016

- Goal 1:** Recruit and retain high quality students and provide opportunities leading to academic, professional, and social success.
- Goal 2:** Foster an inclusive and diverse environment for all constituents.
- Goal 3:** Promote an environment for high-level scholarly engagement among and within students, faculty, and community members.
- Goal 4:** Elevate VSU's reputation while increasing philanthropy.
- Goal 5:** Provide a safe and vibrant environment for living and learning.
- Goal 6:** Strengthen internal and external constituent engagement, including increased involvement in community and University partnerships.

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About Valdosta, Georgia

Valdosta, Georgia, is a progressive city of approximately 50,000 situated along the Florida-Georgia border. The state's 11th largest municipality, Valdosta is located on I-75 and Highway 84, four hours from Atlanta and Orlando. The mild climate and beautiful landscapes have made the area a favorite among travelers and residents alike.

University System of Georgia

VSU is unit of the University System of Georgia, governed by an 18-member Board of Regents. The Board oversees the 35 colleges and universities that comprise the University System of Georgia, Skidaway Institute of Oceanography, and The Georgia Public Library System.

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and a center: the main campus in Valdosta, the Rae and Lillian Steele North campus (a mile to the north of the main campus), and the Kings Bay Center on the coast. VSU also has an office at Moody Air Force Base. Since 2004, VSU has completed more than \$200 million in construction.

VSU is a NCAA Division II member institution and competes in the Gulf South Conference in football, basketball, baseball, tennis, golf, cross-country, softball, volleyball, and soccer.

Applications and Nominations

Send nominations and letters of application (a cover letter, complete curriculum vitae, and references) to:

Valdosta@myersmcræ.com

Confidential review of materials begins immediately. For full consideration, nominations and applications should be submitted prior to **January 6, 2012**.

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