THE OPPORTUNITY

Lawrence Technological University, founded in 1932 and located in Southfield, Michigan, is rated 'Top Tier' by *U.S. News & World Report*'s "America's Best Colleges" and has earned the designation "Best in the Midwest" by *The Princeton Review*. One of the country's finest technological institutions of higher learning, it offers its approximately 5,000 students over 100 associate, bachelor's, master's, and doctoral programs in Colleges of Architecture and Design, Arts and Sciences, Engineering, and Management. A private, fully accredited university, it employs nearly 400 full- and part-time faculty and has an annual operating budget of approximately $62 million. Lawrence Technological University is a member of the prestigious Association of Independent Technological Universities (AITU).

The University's 'Mission Statement' reads "To develop leaders through a student-centric environment with innovative and agile programs embracing theory and practice." Its 'Vision Statement' is "To be a preeminent university producing leaders with an entrepreneurial spirit and global view." The University's stated 'Values' are: Theory and Practice; Student focused and caring; Teamwork and Trust; and Character and Integrity.

LTU has prospered over the years and has been at the forefront of technology education. Recent years have been particularly exciting, as the campus has continued to add new structures and facilities to maintain its cutting-edge offerings. In 2006, the University dedicated the A. Alfred Taubman Student Services Center and extensive, environmentally friendly renovations of the campus quadrangle. The University's Center for Innovative Materials Research was dedicated in 2008. In May 2011, plans were announced for the construction of the A. Alfred Taubman Engineering, Architecture and Life Sciences Complex. Mr. Taubman has committed $11 million for the $55 million building. The new construction will further strengthen Lawrence Technological University's programs in emerging fields such as biomedical engineering, life sciences, sustainability, and robotics engineering that have been major initiatives during the past half-decade.

At the same time, progress is being made in transitioning the University from a largely commuter institution to one having more residential opportunities and an invigorating and vibrant campus life. A third housing unit, for freshmen, is planned. Lawrence Tech was accepted into the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics in spring 2011, and has begun a phased rollout of varsity athletics. Some 60 student clubs and organizations, including chapters of professional societies as well as fraternities and sororities, are active on campus.

The University is in the midst of a $100 million capital campaign entitled "Proud Heritage, Bold Future." Scheduled to conclude by 2014, the campaign to date has received commitments totaling $65 million.

Lawrence Tech is located in Southfield, a dynamic northern suburb of Detroit and the hub of a region distinguished by technological accomplishment. While advanced automotive technology dominates, the life sciences, "green," and other emerging technologies are growing. Southeastern Michigan has the highest concentration of technology-related employment in the Midwest, and nationally trails only Silicon Valley in architecture and engineering employment.
At the Lawrence Technological University Board of Trustees meeting June 30, 2011, current President Lewis N. Walker discussed a plan by which he would continue to serve as president and chief executive officer of the University through June 30, 2012. Effective July 1, 2012, he will serve as chancellor of the University through June 30, 2013, reporting directly to the Board of Trustees and carrying out duties as mutually agreed upon with the executive committee. The Board unanimously approved this plan.

The Board also authorized its executive committee to begin immediately a national search for a new president and chief executive officer with the objective of filling the position by July 1, 2012. Subsequently, the Board announced that it had retained the higher education search consulting firm of R. William Funk & Associates to assist it in recruiting LTU’s next and seventh President. The Funk firm is widely considered to be the premier firm in the field and its successful placements are currently the Presidents of such institutions as Cornell University, Purdue University, Georgia Tech, Worcester Institute of Technology, University of Washington, University of Southern California, University of Virginia, and a myriad of other leading universities.

THE POSITION

Reporting to the Board of Trustees, the President is the chief executive officer of the University and is responsible for its effective administration. The Board is seeking an exemplary leader who has vision and understands the challenges and opportunities facing a technological university in the 21st Century. As a result of this vision and understanding, the individual selected is expected to have the capacity to reposition the university by leading it to be at the cutting edge of emerging fields of study, instructional methodologies and student engagement. It is expected that the next President will be an accomplished fund- and friend-raiser; a tireless promoter of the quality of education afforded by Lawrence Tech; an exemplary communicator with outstanding speaking and writing abilities; and, an academic leader who has passion for the mission of higher education and changing lives through enlightenment.
The President will be an excellent manager with the ability to attract top-caliber administrators, faculty, and staff. The selected individual will have an appreciation for a superb faculty and will lead through a collegial and consensus-building approach. It is expected that the next President will personify the values of the University, including: an entrepreneurial spirit; unquestioned integrity and character; a team player leadership style; and, a global perspective.

The selected individual will have commitment to diversity as reflected in the faculty, staff, and student body and will be student-centered in the execution of his/her duties.

Other Qualifications and Characteristics:

- An earned terminal degree and meaningful administrative experience in a similarly complex practice oriented institution; individuals from business, government, and philanthropy will also be considered if they demonstrate the leadership experience, skills, and success appropriate to the President role.

- Strong commitment to interacting with students, faculty, staff, and alumni and to being a central part of university life.

- Interest in being a visible presence, not only on campus, but also in external communities; cultivate positive town-gown relations and establish and reinforce linkages to business, industry, and grant-making agencies.

- Develop and support those efforts aimed at continually recruiting, retaining, and advancing quality students and faculty.

- Encourage branding, marketing, and strategic planning activities to enhance the university’s image and reputation to local, state, and national audiences.

- Foster a positive, collaborative and constructive relationship with the Board of Trustees.

- Nurture a global perspective by emphasizing and utilizing the university’s partner institutions abroad.

- Sense of humor and the ability to share credit with others.
NOMINATION AND APPLICATION PROCESS

While applications and nominations will be accepted until a new President is selected, interested parties are encouraged to submit their materials to our consulting firm at the address below by October 30 to assure optimal consideration. Please address materials to:

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