C hancellor James B. Milliken and the Board of Trustees of the City University of New York invite nominations and applications for the position of president of Lehman College. The successful candidate will serve as the third president of Lehman and succeed Dr. Ricardo R. Fernández, who will retire in mid-2016 after serving as president with extraordinary distinction since 1990.

With more than 75,000 alumni and 12,000 students, Lehman College serves the Bronx and its surrounding region as an intellectual, economic, and cultural center. It is a public, comprehensive, coeducational liberal arts college with more than 90 undergraduate and graduate degree programs and specializations. The College is named after Herbert H. Lehman, who was governor of New York State, a U.S. Senator, and an internationalist. His values of dedicated public service continue to guide the College today.

The Board and Chancellor are seeking a president who will be a visionary, entrepreneurial leader and who has both academic and senior administrative success; is committed to fundraising, economic development, community relations; and is faculty and student-centered. Further, the president should empower others through transparent communication, collaborative management and shared governance. Candidates will be expected to have high-level executive experience with demonstrated performance of exceptional quality and an appreciation for the importance of quality research and scholarship. Those holding an earned doctorate and having a background in higher education administration are preferred. Management experience in other fields will also be considered.

The new president will express a passion for the mission of public education in an urban setting and understand the important social and economic roles it plays in its community. The president will articulate the institution’s mission and values, serve as a persuasive advocate for Lehman at the borough, city, state and Federal levels, and lead efforts to raise new resources from the College’s many constituents.

Lehman’s next president will have the opportunity to lead the continued growth of a uniquely-situated institution and position it for future success; to work closely with dedicated administrators, faculty and staff; to partner extensively in the community and beyond; and to reside in one of the nation’s most historic and exciting cities.

Confidential inquiries, nominations, and application materials should be directed to John K. Thornburgh, Jean A. Dowdall, Ph.D. or Khalilah Lawson at LehmanPresident@wittkieffer.com. The review of candidates will begin in February, 2016 and continue until the position is filled. Submission of applications is encouraged by March 7, 2016.

CUNY encourages people with disabilities, minorities, veterans and women to apply. Applicants and employees will not be discriminated against on the basis of any legally protected category, including sexual orientation or gender identity. EEO/AA/Vet/Disability Employer.