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The Board of Trustees of The City University of New York and The City College of New York Search Committee invite nominations and applications for the position of president at The City College of New York.

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The City College, one of CUNY’s 23 colleges and professional schools, includes the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, the Bernard and Anne Spitzer School of Architecture, the Grove School of Engineering, the Sophie Davis School of Biomedical Education/CUNY Medical School, and the School of Education. The college is renowned for its rigorous academic programs and the research activities of its faculty in such fields as structural biology, laser optics, and spectroscopy and energy systems research.

The City College has the largest undergraduate research program in the New York metropolitan area, giving students the chance to work side by side with eminent scientists and mentors. The college offers more than 115 undergraduate and graduate programs including doctoral degrees in biomedical, chemical, civil, electrical, and mechanical engineering and joint Ph.D. degrees in biology, biochemistry, chemistry, and physics with CUNY’s Graduate School and University Center.

The City College is a microcosm of New York City, with one of the most diverse student bodies of any college in America; over half of its 16,200 students were born abroad. Current students and recent graduates are carrying on the tradition of excellence.

City’s faculty includes 555 full-time and 894 part-time members. Its appropriated operational budget in 2008-09 was $126 million, and in 2008-09 faculty garnered research grant support totaling $56 million. Since 2000 the college has raised $325 million in gifts from alumni and friends.

The chancellor and The City College seek a dynamic, visionary leader, noted for personal and professional integrity, to inspire students, work well with faculty, engage its distinguished alumni and the local community, and guide the institution to even greater levels of achievement and renown.

Preferred qualifications for the presidency include:

- A demonstrated record in senior-level leadership at an institution of higher education or an institution of comparable scope, with proven strengths in strategic planning, budgeting, and management.
- An earned doctorate or professional equivalent, university-level teaching experience, and a substantial record of scholarly research and/or professional distinction.
- A strong record of success in attracting external funding and the ability to manage the complexities of public funding.
- A demonstrated commitment to urban, public higher education—undergraduate and graduate—in a multi-cultural, multi-ethnic city.
- The facility to enhance the quality of student life and strengthen the delivery of services to students.
- A commitment to recruiting and supporting faculty in their research and scholarly endeavors.
- An ability to provide strong leadership in an environment of shared governance, in order to foster excellence in teaching, learning, and scholarly/creative endeavors.
- A commitment to the college's mission and the skill to persuasively represent the institution to multiple local, national, and international constituencies, including alumni, the business community, and legislative and other governmental bodies.
- The capacity to advance The City College of New York as an inclusive and diverse community that is fully engaged with the rich cultural, ethnic, religious, and economic pluralism of Harlem and New York City at large.

The president serves as the chief executive officer of the college under the direction of the CUNY chancellor, according to policy set by the Board of Trustees. The position is available on or before August 1, 2010. Salary and benefits are competitive.

All applications and nominations will be held in the strictest of confidence. Review of potential candidates will begin on December 15. Nominations should include a letter of introduction and, if possible, a résumé or curriculum vitae. Applications should include a résumé or curriculum vitae, a letter of interest, and the names and contact information of five references. References will not be contacted without the applicant’s permission. E-mail materials to:

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The City University of New York is an EO/AAA/IRCA/ADA Employer with a strong commitment to racial, cultural, and ethnic diversity. The search committee actively seeks and encourages nominations and applications from men and women of all races and ethnic backgrounds.