



President

Eckerd College, Florida's only independent national liberal arts college, seeks an extraordinary individual to be the College's fifth president. The new president will build upon the foundation and momentum established during the highly successful tenure of Dr. Donald R. Eastman III, who has served as Eckerd's president since 2001.

The College

Known as Florida Presbyterian College until its renaming in 1972, Eckerd was founded in 1958 to be a "college like no other." And it is. From the outset, a creative academic plan informed an inspired architectural plan, and the spirit of that strong association continues today. Located in St. Petersburg on 188 acres overlooking Boca Ciega Bay in the Tampa Bay region - a vibrant and diverse urban setting - the College has been a pacesetter institution, developing educational programs that have been adopted nationwide and earning an international reputation for academic excellence.

A young college, Eckerd is becoming increasingly known as a leading liberal arts institution. Eckerd College is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges to award baccalaureate degrees. Eckerd offers the Bachelor of Arts, Fine Arts, and Science degrees through 41 majors in the arts, humanities, sciences and social sciences. Today 130 tenured and tenure-track faculty and 231 full-time staff members serve 1,971 undergraduate students. A 2016 Washington Economics Group study reports that the College annually generates an economic impact of \$557 million and 4,797 jobs in the Tampa Bay area.

Situated in St. Petersburg, a city of approximately 265,000, Eckerd is located within the larger Tampa Bay metropolitan area (pop. 3 million) and a 30-minute drive from Tampa International Airport. With two of the country's "Top 10 Beaches" and 361 average days of sunshine in a year, St. Petersburg is a popular international destination and is now known as a City of the Arts.

The Presidency

The Eckerd College Presidential Search Committee has been charged by the Board of Trustees to help recruit and identify a president who will help guide Eckerd College into the next decade as it continues to thrive as an undergraduate liberal arts institution offering a handcrafted educational experience.

The president should have a well-developed philosophy of the role of liberal arts in higher education and be an articulate advocate for the liberal arts. The president should embrace and champion the values and mission of Eckerd College and be committed to diversity and international education. The president should be a strong advocate for tenure, academic freedom and shared governance - and be able to garner the respect of all constituents of the College. The new president is expected to start on July 1, 2020.

The Search

This search is assisted by Academic Search, Inc., and nominators and prospective candidates may arrange a confidential discussion about this opportunity with one of the three consultants working on this search - Senior Consultant L. Jay Lemons, Senior Consultant R. Stanton Hales, and Consultant Mahauganee Shaw, by emailing EckerdPresident@academic-search.com. The position is open until filled but only applications received by September 3, 2019 can be assured of full consideration. For more information about the presidential search process and application procedures, visit: <https://apptrkr.com/1470085>. For more information about Eckerd College, please visit: www.eckerd.edu.

Eckerd College is committed to fostering a diverse faculty, staff, and student body—and an inclusive campus community. Eckerd is an equal opportunity employer and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, age, gender identity, national origin, disability, veteran status, or any other characteristic protected by law. Eckerd College is especially interested in attracting candidates from historically underrepresented groups.