



Vice President for Business Affairs and Chief Financial Officer

The State University of New York at Potsdam (SUNY Potsdam) seeks an experienced higher education or government financial professional for Vice President for Business Affairs (VPBA) and Chief Financial Officer. The VPBA will be responsible for finance, budgeting, physical plant, employee health and safety, information technology, purchasing and payables, and other business functions. The VPBA will assume office by July 1.

SUNY Potsdam, on the outskirts of the beautiful Adirondack Park and an hour and a half from Lake Placid, is the oldest in the SUNY system. Major urban destinations include Ottawa (a 2-hour drive), Montreal, (a 2-1/2-hour drive), Burlington, VT (3 hours), and Syracuse, NY (2 ½ hours) and offer a variety of airline options.

SUNY Potsdam enrolls 3,321 undergraduates and 266 graduate students. Home to the renowned Crane School of Music, SUNY Potsdam is known for commitment to students' development and success, challenging liberal arts and sciences core, excellence in teacher education, and leadership in performing and visual arts. It offers more than 100 undergraduate majors and minors, plus interdisciplinary studies; and 18 graduate majors. (See www.potsdam.edu.)

Requirements include:

- a bachelor's degree in business administration, public administration, economics, accounting or a related discipline from an accredited institution (though an advanced degree is preferred);
- Impeccable integrity, a record of prudent and fiscally responsible financial leadership, and significant experience in both strategic and operational leadership; in addition, evidence of responsible management of personal credit relationships is expected;
- Senior financial leadership in public higher education (preferred) or government, SUNY or New York State or municipal government experience a plus; and a solid understanding of generally accepted accounting principles;
- Strong knowledge of/experience with information technology and applications that support finance, administration and other business functions; and
- Evidence of significant experience in capital planning and facilities management.

See www.academic-search.com/sites/default/files/SUNYPotsdamVPBAProfile.pdf for desired qualifications, an agenda for the VPBA, and more about SUNY Potsdam.

Application Process

The search, assisted by Academic Search, Inc., is confidential until finalists visit campus. Candidates should submit: a cover letter with examples of experiences that match the requirements; a curriculum vitae; and a list with names, phone numbers, and e-mail addresses of at least five references (to be contacted only with the candidate's consent). Screening will continue until selection, but only applications received by March 2, 2018 are assured consideration. Send applications, nominations, and expressions of interest to: SUNYPotsdamVPBA@academic-search.com.

Please contact Senior Consultant Nancy Suttentfield (nds@academic-search.com) or Associate Consultant Lisa Rosenberg (lcr@academic-search.com) to schedule a confidential discussion.

SUNY Potsdam is an EEO/Affirmative Action Employer. Potsdam is committed to finding a candidate that both reflects the diverse possibilities in the human experience and fostering leadership in celebrating a diverse community. The administration, faculty, staff and students embrace diversity and prohibit discrimination on the basis of race, religion, color, gender, age, national origin, non-disqualifying disability, veteran status, sexual orientation, or any other legally protected class status. Women and minorities are strongly encouraged to apply.