



Vice President for Finance and Chief Financial Officer

The State University of New York at Potsdam is seeking an experienced higher education or government financial professional to serve as Vice President for Finance and Chief Financial Officer.

The State University of New York at Potsdam, located on the outskirts of the beautiful Adirondack Park and an hour and a half from Lake Placid, is one of America's first 50 colleges and the oldest in the SUNY system. SUNY Potsdam currently enrolls 3487 students—3217 undergraduates and 270 graduate students. Home to the renowned Crane School of Music, SUNY Potsdam is known for its commitment to students' development and success, challenging liberal arts and sciences core, excellence in teacher education, and leadership in the performing and visual arts. It offers more than 100 undergraduate majors and minors, along with interdisciplinary studies options; and 18 graduate majors. (See www.potsdam.edu.)

A bachelor's degree in business or a related field is required but an advanced degree is preferred. Experience in a public higher education institution or system is also preferred, with experience within the SUNY system an added plus. Candidates must have unquestioned integrity and should demonstrate a record of expertise and effective strategic and operational leadership in areas of responsibility that include all aspects of finance, budgeting and other higher education business functions. The successful candidate must be an excellent communicator, mission and results focused, and capable of leading transformation with diverse constituents in a collaborative environment. We seek a person with experience working across departments in fostering success of underrepresented groups; and a demonstrated commitment to creating, fostering and sustaining an inclusive environment for all. See the full job description at: www.academic-search.com/sites/default/files/SUNYPotsdamVPFinanceProfile.pdf for a list of required and preferred qualifications, an agenda for the new VPF, and more information about SUNY Potsdam.

On-campus interviews are expected to be on-going beginning in early December, and the new Vice President for Finance is expected to assume office as soon thereafter as is possible, but no later than July 1.

Application Process

In deference to the sensitivity of the positions presently held by many of those who will be nominated and considered, the search will be conducted in strict confidence until finalists are brought to campus.

The search is being assisted by Academic Search, Inc. Candidates for the position should submit a cover letter that specifically addresses how their experiences match the requirements ([hyperlink](#)); a current curriculum vitae; and a reference list with the names, phone numbers, and e-mail addresses of at least five references, none of whom will be contacted without the consent of the candidate. Screening will continue until a Vice President for Finance is chosen, but only applications received by October 22, 2017, can be assured full consideration. Applications, nominations, and expressions of interest can be submitted in confidence to: SUNYPotsdamVPF@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.