



Rosemead, California

PRESIDENT OF THE UNIVERSITY

The Board of Trustees of University of the West (UWest) is pleased to invite nominations and applications for the position of President. The President is the chief executive officer of the University, is responsible for the administration of all aspects of its operations, and provides educational standards and leadership of high quality to maintain and advance UWest's standing both in the community and in regard to state, regional, and national accreditation. The President also maintains relationships with religious, community, governmental, and professional bodies, and represents the University to the public.

For 27 years, UWest has had a special mission: to provide a whole-person education in a context informed by Buddhist wisdom and values and to facilitate cultural understanding and appreciation between East and West. At the campus in Rosemead, the University offers nine degree programs (Business, English, Liberal Arts, Psychology, Religious Studies, and Buddhist Chaplaincy) and is home to more than 380 students from over 44 countries and many different religions. One of many ambitious and thriving enterprises in the San Gabriel Valley, UWest encompasses 11 acres and contributes to Rosemead's status as a thriving combination of retail, commercial, and educational institutions.

UWest belongs to the Fo Guang Shan University Consortium, which also includes Fo Guang University (FGU) and Nan Hua University (NHU) in Taiwan, Nan Tien Graduate Institute in Australia, and Guan Ming College in the Philippines. Students from FGU and NHU regularly participate in 2+2 degree programs that allow for two years of study in Taiwan and two in the United States, resulting in degrees from both UWest and their Taiwanese school. UWest students have also studied at FGU in the graduate program for Buddhist studies. In March 2015, University of the West's accreditation was reaffirmed by the WASC Senior College and University Commission for the period of seven years.

The Board seeks an energetic, visionary, and entrepreneurial leader who respects and resonates with Buddhist values, has demonstrated success as a higher education leader and fund-raiser with experience in a religiously-focused educational environment, and preferably has experience as a teacher-scholar. The appointment to the presidency is expected to take effect in the summer of 2018.

A full search profile is available at the Academic Search website, www.academic-search.com. Additional information about the University is available at <https://www.uwest.edu>.

PROCEDURE FOR NOMINATIONS AND APPLICATIONS

Inquiries, nominations, and applications are invited. Review of candidates will begin immediately, and expressions of interest will be welcomed until an appointment is made. To ensure full consideration, applications should be received by January 3, 2018. Application materials should include a letter of interest, a *curriculum vitae*, and names and full contact information for five professional references. Calls to references will occur only later in the search process and only with prior notification of candidates. All submissions will be treated in confidence and must be sent electronically (MS Word or .pdf format) to:

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The University and Search Committee are assisted by:

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