

The American University of Afghanistan (AUAf), located in the capital city of Kabul, invites applications and nominations for the position of **Chief Academic Officer and Vice President**. I am assisting in this search and requesting your help in identifying accomplished leaders who would be interested in the opportunity of building and guiding a diverse academic program at a growing university.

AUAF is a private, nonprofit, coeducational international university operating in the tradition of an American liberal arts college and located at a secure, interim five-acre campus on the southwest of Kabul. The University's future permanent campus is located across the street on 43-acres adjacent to Afghanistan's soon to be constructed new Parliament Building. The University admitted its first students in 2006 and currently has 260 students enrolled in English as academic foundations, business, and information communications technology programs, with additional students enrolled in an array of professional development courses. New programs built around the twin themes of higher education for the professions and applied general studies are under review and development. The University receives funding from the U.S. government, the government of Afghanistan (property), corporations, foundations, and individuals, as well as tuition and fee income and is governed by an independent Board of Trustees comprised of American and Afghan business, civic, and academic leaders.

The CAO will join the leadership team of President and Chief Executive Officer Tom Stauffer and Chief Finance Officer and Vice President Johan Brongers and will provide leadership in instruction, research, curriculum development, and evaluation, with new university program development as the priority. Recruitment, retention, and professional development of faculty; development of standards and procedures for recruitment, admission, registration, retention, and graduation of students; identification, development, and evaluation of learning resources and support services needs are among the major responsibilities of the CAO.

The ideal candidate will be a veteran academic administrator, familiar with American-style higher education, with a clear record of accomplishment. The University seeks candidates with credentials appropriate for a chief academic officer, along with a hands-on record of moving an institution forward and working cooperatively with colleagues; experience working in an international setting; a background in curriculum design, development, and evaluation; and a commitment to providing leadership in an institution in a country undergoing profound change. The successful candidate must be flexible, optimistic, energetic, and excited about the possibilities of higher education in Afghanistan.

This position will remain open until filled, and inquiries, applications, and nominations will be treated in confidence as allowed by law. President Stauffer is anxious to fill this important leadership position at the earliest possible date. Application materials (to include a substantive letter of interest, a curriculum vita, and the names, addresses, telephone numbers, and e-mail addresses of five professional references) must be electronically submitted (Adobe PDF or MS Word format) to: AUAfCAO@academic-search.com.

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