



AMERICAN UNIVERSITY
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PRESIDENT

MEMORANDUM

November 13, 2007

TO: Campus Community
FROM: Neil Kerwin, President
Robert Griffith, Professor and Chair, Department of History
SUBJECT: Provost's Search

We are pleased to announce the beginning of the search process for the position of provost of American University.

The search committee and the president met on November 6 and have since developed the attached announcement that will appear in all of the prominent venues in which such advertisements routinely appear—the *Chronicle of Higher Education*, *Inside Higher Education*, *Diverse Issues in Higher Education*, *Hispanic Outlook in Higher Education*, *Women in Higher Education*, the *New York Times*, and the *Washington Post*.

We are dedicated to a broad, national search that will lead to the appointment of the very best person for this critically important position. We welcome the participation of the entire campus in making this decision by helping to identify the qualities and characteristics which the provost should have, to attract a pool of outstanding candidates, and to assist in the review of finalists when they come to campus.

The search committee will be assisted in its work by an executive search firm, the selection of which will be announced shortly before the Thanksgiving holiday. Other information regarding the search process will be communicated in due course, but we urge all members of the community to review the position announcement, nominate individuals suitable for consideration, and inform colleagues elsewhere who might be interested in applying for the position or in making a nomination. Faculty and staff with questions about the search should feel free to contact any member of the search committee.

The members of the search committee are (* denotes members elected by the faculty):

*Robert Griffith Chair, Department of History, CAS, and
Chair, Provost Search Committee

*Anthony Ahrens	Associate Professor of Psychology, CAS
Fanta Aw	Assistant Vice President of Campus Life
*Philip Brenner	Professor of International Service, SIS
Claudio Grossman	Dean, WCL
Caleen Jennings	Professor of Performing Arts, CAS
Karim David Marshall	President, Student Bar Association
Katherine Montgomery	Professor of Communication, SOC
Leigh Riddick	Associate Professor of Finance and Real Estate, KSB
James Thurber	Distinguished Professor of Government, SPA
Diana Vogelsong	Associate Librarian, University Library

The position announcement is attached.

AMERICAN UNIVERSITY PROVOST

American University invites nominations and applications for the position of provost.

Chartered by an Act of Congress in 1893, American University is an independent coeducational university with approximately 12,000 students. Slightly over half of its students are undergraduates; slightly under half are enrolled in master's, doctoral, and professional degree programs. Located in northwest Washington, D.C., the university attracts students from all 50 states and nearly 150 foreign countries. Its 635 full-time faculty are actively involved in teaching, research, and service through the College of Arts and Sciences, the Kogod School of Business, the School of Communication, the School of International Service, the School of Public Affairs, the Washington College of Law, and the University Library. American University is deeply committed to public service and is a leader in international education.

The provost is the chief academic officer and reports to the president. The provost provides leadership to the six schools and colleges, as well as to the University Library, the Washington Semester and AU Abroad programs, the Center for Teaching Excellence, the Office of Enrollment Services, the Office of Institutional Research and Assessment, the Office of Sponsored Programs, the University Registrar, and the Career Center. The provost will play a leading role in the final development of a new university strategic plan and bear primary responsibility for the implementation of its academic components.

American University seeks a distinguished scholar-teacher with a record of progressively responsible and successful leadership in the administration of a complex, multidisciplinary institution. The successful candidate will be a creative leader with strong fiscal and management skills, an outstanding record in faculty recruitment and program development, the ability to manage enrollment services, an open and collaborative style of leadership, and a demonstrated commitment to

a diverse workplace.

American University invites inquiries, nominations, and applications. Candidates should provide a cover letter describing their interest in and qualifications for the position, a curriculum vitae, and the names and contact information of five references. All communications will be treated as confidential. Review of applications will occur as they are received and will continue until the position is filled. All nominations and applications should be directed by e-mail to:

ProvostSearch@american.edu

or by mail to:

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Provost Search Committee
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For more information about American University, please consult its Web site: <http://www.american.edu>. American University is an equal opportunity, affirmative action, and nondiscriminatory employer and is committed to a diverse faculty, staff, and student body.

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