



## **PRESIDENT** (Draft)

*(narrative below with graphics to be added)*

The Board of Trustees of the University of Wyoming announces a search for a president with bold vision, high energy, an ability to work effectively with diverse constituents and the capability to lead the institution in fulfilling the university's public land-grant mission.

Founded in 1886, UW is the only public university in Wyoming, providing baccalaureate, graduate, and professional education, research, and outreach. It enrolls more than 13,500 undergraduate and graduate students, employs over 2,800 benefitted faculty and staff members, and has an annual operating budget of \$523 million.

UW combines major-university benefits and small-school advantages, offering 200 programs of study, an outstanding faculty, and world-class research and teaching facilities, all set against the backdrop of Wyoming's beautiful landscapes. The main campus is in Laramie, a community of approximately 31,000 sandwiched between the Medicine Bow and Laramie mountain ranges two hours north of Denver.

The university also maintains the University of Wyoming - Casper, ten outreach education centers across Wyoming, and Agricultural Extension Offices scattered throughout the state's 23 counties and on the Wind River Indian Reservation. UW has strong working relationships with Wyoming's seven community colleges and economic development groups in key areas of the state, as well as the NCAR-Wyoming Supercomputing Center. It is a Carnegie doctoral/research university with high research activity, attracting over \$80 million in contracts and grants last year. UW plays a key role in the state's economy, and its research attracts national and international attention.

The State of Wyoming invests strongly in higher education, providing the highest amount of State support per student in the nation. Consequently, UW has the lowest undergraduate tuition among the nation's public doctoral universities. The university also benefits from a \$500 million endowed student scholarship program, a robust capital construction budget, an active and successful foundation, a publicly and privately supported endowed faculty program, and State funding for UW's several areas of academic excellence.

The president reports directly to the UW Board of Trustees, whose twelve voting members are appointed by the Governor. As the state's flagship and land-grant institution, UW envisions its next President to be a visionary leader who understands and appreciates the unique relationship the university has with the state, its residents and industries.

The Board is seeking outstanding candidates who possess:

- A compelling vision, impeccable integrity, and exemplary leadership ability to drive positive change to ensure that UW offers quality higher education instruction and research relevant to the 21<sup>st</sup> century;
- A strong commitment to educating students with diverse academic interests so that they have the abilities to succeed in life;
- An ability to promote excellence in faculty and staff, experience with and insight into the mission and issues of higher education, and a commitment to academic freedom and an environment of tolerance and respect;

- Strong managerial skills, including a significant understanding of finances, budgets and accounting systems; capable of leading planning processes in academics, student recruitment, management and athletics and developing the internal discipline to implement them;
- The capability to build trust and unite diverse groups, ranging from students, faculty and staff to business and community leaders, community college presidents and elected officials; strong interpersonal skills are extremely important in Wyoming;
- An appreciation of and commitment to expand UW's participation in the state's economic development;
- Experience as a successful fundraiser, particularly in overseeing and promoting the mission and goals of a dynamic UW Foundation;
- Significant knowledge of Division I athletics and the relationship between athletics and academic achievement;
- A good listener, candor and a sense of humor

Applications will remain confidential until the selection of the finalists, whose names and application materials will be made public. Applicants are encouraged to submit a letter of application that conveys the reasons for interest in the position and highlights the applicant's abilities, a resume, and the names and contact information for at least five references by **December 1** to:

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For more information about UW, please visit [www.uwyo.edu](http://www.uwyo.edu)

*The University of Wyoming embraces the principles of affirmative action and welcomes applications from qualified individuals of any race, color, religion, sex, national origin, disability, age, veteran status, or sexual orientation.*