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School of Arts and Humanities

California State University, Bakersfield (CSUB), invites applications and nominations for the position of Dean of the School of Arts and Humanities. The person selected for this position will serve as the School's chief academic and administrative officer and will report directly to the Provost/Vice President for Academic Affairs.

About CSUB

California State University, Bakersfield, is a comprehensive public University committed to offering excellent undergraduate and graduate programs that advance the intellectual and personal development of its students. An emphasis on student learning is enhanced by a commitment to scholarship, diversity, service, global awareness and life-long learning. The University collaborates with partners in the community to increase the region's overall educational attainment, enhance its quality of life, and support its economic development. The University was founded in 1965 and opened for classes in fall, 1970. The University's faculty is world-class, with nearly 75% holding the highest degrees in their respective fields. A part of the 23-campus California State University (CSU) System, CSUB has a student body that reflects the diversity of the southern San Joaquin Valley, with approximately 55% of the student body of Hispanic origin. CSUB's vision is to be the leading campus in the CSU system in terms of faculty and academic excellence and diversity, quality of the student experience and community engagement.

The University serves more than 9,500 students at either the main campus in Bakersfield or the Antelope Valley Center and counts approximately 47,000 alumni from its four schools: Arts and Humanities; Business and Public Administration; Natural Sciences, Mathematics and Engineering; and Social Sciences and Education. The University offers undergraduate, graduate, and post-graduate and credential programs, and CSUB's Extended University serves the community by offering additional professional development, certificate, and degree programs. For more information about CSUB, please visit www.csub.edu.

Student Enrollment Fast Facts:

<http://www.csub.edu/irpa/files/Student%20and%20Campus%20Data/Fast%20Facts%20-%20Fall%202015.pdf>

About the School of Arts and Humanities

The School of Arts and Humanities is dedicated to connecting the arts and humanities to everyday life. Arts and Humanities students graduate with the skills, knowledge, and habits of mind that equip them to live a successful and meaningful life in our rapidly changing, globalized world. Studies in the Arts and Humanities also prepare students for careers in a variety of fields that require creative thinking, critical analysis, attention to complexity and ambiguity, problem-solving abilities, and strong communication skills. Students find career opportunities in numerous fields, as well as going on to graduate and professional programs.

Offering “majors that matter,” the School serves over 900 students across ten undergraduate programs in Art, Communications, English, History, Interdisciplinary Studies, Modern Languages & Literatures, Music, Philosophy, Theatre, and Religious Studies; and four Master’s programs: English, History, Interdisciplinary Studies, and Spanish. The School has 63 tenured and tenure-track faculty, 23 full-time lecturers, 86 part-time lecturers, and 19 staff.

The School of Arts and Humanities features

- A new Visual Arts building with state of the art equipment and facilities
- Several institutes which connect the School and students to the community. Examples: the Institute for Religion, Education, and Public Policy; the Public History Institute; and the Children's Art Institute
- A Historical Research Center in the library housing archival collections
- The Todd Madigan Gallery that exhibits nationally curated and student artwork
- A vibrant Music and Theatre Department that sponsors performances for CSUB and the surrounding community, including the annual Bakersfield Jazz Festival
- Interdisciplinary Studies, including the Ethnic Studies and Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies programs

To learn more about the School of Arts and Humanities, visit <http://www.csub.edu/ah/>

The Location

CSUB is located in Kern County (population approaching 900,000) spanning the southern San Joaquin Valley. Bakersfield (metropolitan population approaching 600,000) is a growing community projected to double in population in twenty years. The City is within two hours of Pacific Ocean beaches and Sierra mountain locations, and is just an hour and a half north of the Los Angeles metropolitan area. For more information see

<http://www.lifeinbakersfield.com/>

<http://www.bakersfieldchamber.org>

<http://www.kedc.com>

<http://www.visitbakersfield.com>

Required Qualifications:

- A terminal degree in one of the School's disciplines
- Evidence of significant scholarly and professional achievement sufficient to merit a tenured faculty appointment at the rank of professor in one of the School's departments
- Evidence of successful teaching experience in one of the disciplines represented in the School
- Demonstrated success in academic administration and leadership at the school (Department Chair or above) and/or university level
- Proven record of commitment to diversity and to a student culture of non-traditional and first-generation college students
- Demonstrated success in working with important constituencies to build relationships and develop funding, public and private
- Experience with fiscal management procedures and personnel management
- Evidence of successful fundraising and external partnerships development

Preferred Qualifications:

- A record of effectiveness in developing and implementing strategic plans
- Evidence of advocating equitably across disparate departments or programs
- Evidence of a commitment to collegiality, both within the applicant's school and across the applicant's campus
- Evidence of successful teaching experience at the undergraduate and graduate levels
- Evidence of building successful community partnerships/relationships
- An ability to work effectively with other university administrators
- Experience building or supporting satellite campus programs
- Experience with accreditation processes will be a plus

Applications:

For priority consideration, application materials must be received by **February 10, 2017**; however, the position will remain open until filled. Completed applications must include:

1. A letter of application clearly addressing how the applicant's responsibilities and qualifications meet the standards listed above
2. A current curriculum vitae
3. Contact information for five current references
4. Unofficial transcripts

Confidential inquiries, nominations and questions should be forwarded to:

Emy Peña, Partner
Storbeck/Pimentel & Associates
6512 Painter Avenue
Whittier, CA 90601

Electronic submissions are preferred. Please email us at epsearch@storbeckpimentel.com Code: CSUB-AH

*For a confidential inquiry or nomination contact
Ms. Peña at 562-360-1612*

executive search consultants

The successful candidate must successfully pass a background/fingerprint check.

California State University, Bakersfield, is committed to Equal Opportunity. Applicants will be considered without regard to gender, race, age, color, religion, national origin, sexual orientation, marital status, genetic information, disability or covered veterans' status.