The State University of New York (SUNY) and the SUNY Potsdam College Council invite inquiries, nominations and applications for the President of SUNY Potsdam. Potsdam is one of the 64 campuses that make up the State University of New York - the largest comprehensive university system in the United States. SUNY Potsdam, which traces its roots to the St. Lawrence Academy, was founded in 1816, making the campus one of America's first 50 colleges and the oldest institution in SUNY. The 16th president will preside over the celebration of the College's bicentennial in 2016 and lead it into its third century of excellence.

Located on the outskirts of the beautiful Adirondack Park, this tier one, residential campus is home to the world-renowned Crane School of Music. Potsdam is also known for its challenging liberal arts and sciences core, excellence in teacher training, and leadership in the performing and visual arts. In December 2013 the new 100,000 square foot $55 million Performing Arts Building will open to house the growing Department of Theatre and Dance. Potsdam offers an exceptional liberal arts experience including a wide array of undergraduate majors and minors, plus 13 graduate degrees. The college serves approximately 4,000 undergraduates and 300 graduate students in three academic divisions: The School of Arts and Sciences, The School of Education and Professional Studies and The Crane School of Music.

Since becoming the first comprehensive college in SUNY to offer test-optional admissions, SUNY Potsdam's first-year class has jumped from 9% to 24% minority students in just three years and enrolls SUNY's largest percentage of both Canadian and Native American students. Students may participate in multiple NCAA Division III sports, intramural programs and more than 60 student organizations including an active Student Government Association. Despite being the smallest in its peer group, last year SUNY Potsdam ranked No. 1 among SUNY's comprehensive master's degree institutions in total alumni participation in giving. Its third comprehensive campaign, “Take the Lead: The Campaign for Potsdam,” is already exceeding early projections having surpassed 72% toward its goal of raising $27 million by the bicentennial celebration (see: “SUNY Potsdam nets millions”).

SUNY Potsdam employs 881 full and part-time faculty and staff. Combined with the Potsdam Auxiliary and College Education Services (PACES) which employs 180 full- and part-time employees, SUNY Potsdam is the third largest employer in St. Lawrence County. More information about this exceptional opportunity can be found by viewing the presidential prospectus at www.academic-search.com/data/files/SUNYPotsdamProfile.pdf

**Qualifications:** The Search Committee, chaired by College Council chair June F. O'Neill, seeks an energetic, student-centered leader who inspires, supports, and motivates students, faculty and staff, is a proven fundraiser and can articulately and effectively advocate for the unique role and mission of SUNY Potsdam. S/he will be a committed team member of the SUNY System, a decisive yet collaborative decision maker, who also enjoys personal contact with students, faculty, staff, alumni and donors, and welcomes being a visible and integral part of the campus and greater North
Country community. It is expected that the next president of SUNY Potsdam will have a solid record of accomplishments in budgetary and fiscal management as well as strategic planning and will utilize those experiences to help guide the College in pursuit of its mission as a distinctive public liberal arts college. Strong communication and interpersonal skills, unquestioned integrity, support for diversity, a sense of humor, and a commitment to shared and transparent governance are required. An earned terminal degree and solid academic administrative experience are strongly preferred.

Application: The search is being assisted by Academic Search, Inc. More information about this position and the leadership agenda at SUNY Potsdam can be obtained by reading the presidential prospectus found at www.academic-search.com under Current Searches. Candidates for the position should submit a cover letter that specifically addresses how their experiences match the characteristics listed above; current curriculum vitae; and names, phone numbers, and e-mail addresses of at least five references. The search will be conducted in strict confidence until finalists are chosen. Screening will continue until a president is chosen, but only applications received by January 6, 2014 can be assured full consideration. The position is available July 1, 2014. All materials should be submitted to the following contact: SUNY-Potsdam@academic-search.com.

Conversations with Senior Consultants Jessica Kozloff (jsk@academic-search.com) or Tom Fitch (rtf@academic-search.com) are best arranged by contacting Michelle Sarver, Associate Consultant, at mrs@academic-search.com or 202-263-7478.

SUNY Potsdam is an EEO/Affirmative Action Employer. The administration, faculty, staff and students embrace diversity and prohibit discrimination on the basis of race, religion, color, gender, age, national origin, non-disqualifying disability, veteran status, sexual orientation, or any other legally protected class status. Women and minorities are strongly encouraged to apply.