The Board of Trustees of The City University of New York (CUNY) and the Graduate Center Presidential Search Committee invite nominations and applications for the position of president of the Graduate Center.

Established in 1961 as the Ph.D.-granting institution of CUNY, the Graduate Center’s mission is to prepare students to become scholars, experts, and leaders in the academy and the private, nonprofit, and governmental sectors; to enhance access to doctoral education for traditionally underrepresented groups; to undertake cutting-edge research in all its doctoral fields; and to advance the educational, economic, and cultural interests of the complex urban community it serves.

The Graduate Center offers over 30 doctoral programs in the humanities, social sciences, and sciences, and seven disciplinary and interdisciplinary master’s programs to approximately 4,300 graduate students. More than 3 percent of its doctoral students are drawn from across the U.S. and 18 foreign countries. The school fosters advanced research through its academic offerings and its more than thirty research centers and institutes.

A nationally unique consortium, the Graduate Center is home to a core faculty of approximately 150 teachers and mentors, virtually all senior scholars and leaders in their disciplines, with more than a third holding the rank of Distinguished Professor—the University’s highest academic honor. This faculty is enhanced by more than 600 faculty from across the CUNY colleges, as well as from cultural, academic, and scientific institutions throughout New York City and beyond.

Located in the heart of Manhattan in a landmark campus on Fifth Avenue—the former B. Altman Department store, which was redesigned to meet the specific needs of a 21st-century institution of advanced learning, the Graduate Center also serves as the administrative home for four University programs: the CUNY Baccalaureate for Unique and Interdisciplinary Studies, the CUNY School of Professional Studies (including the Joseph S. Murphy Institute for Worker Education and Labor Studies); the CUNY Graduate School of Journalism; and Macaulay Honors College. The Graduate Center presents a wide range of continuing education courses and public programs contributing to the intellectual and cultural life of New York City.

The Graduate Center’s 2013–2014 budget is $114 million funded through New York State and student tuition, and $11 million in philanthropy and auxiliary revenues. Capital construction and renovation projects exceeding $10 million are currently underway.

The successful candidate will be a scholar who is a dynamic, visionary, influential leader, a person of the highest personal and professional integrity, who will guide the institution to higher levels of accomplishment and repute, work well with the faculty, foster and encourage student achievement and fully engage the school’s distinguished alumni and the Graduate Center Foundation.

The president serves as the chief academic and administrative officer of the institution, reporting to the chancellor, according to policy set by the CUNY Board of Trustees.

Preferred qualifications for the position include:

- An earned doctorate, a record of scholarly achievement, and significant experience with doctoral education;
- Demonstrated leadership in developing quality academic programs, engaging with students, and recruiting and supporting a distinguished faculty;
- A demonstrated record of senior management success in an institution of higher education or an institution of comparable scope, with proven strategies in strategic planning, budgeting and management;
- A strong record of success in attracting financial support from foundations, corporations, governmental sources and private donors;
- An commitment to enhancing the Graduate Center as an inclusive and diverse community fully engaged with the rich cultural, artistic, religious and economic pluralism of New York City;
- A record of leadership in technological innovation; and
- The capacity to persuasively communicate the Graduate Center’s mission and programs to multiple local and national constituencies.

The position is available on or before September 1, 2014. Salary and benefits are competitive. The review of applications will begin on April 7, 2014. Applications and nominations are especially encouraged prior to that date.

Applications and nominations should be sent electronically to: Graduate Center Presidential Search at executivesearch@cuny.edu.

Applicants should send (1) a letter expressing their interest in the position indicating how they meet the Search Committee’s preferred qualifications, (2) a curriculum vitae, and (3) the names of eight references (two from institutions who report to you, two from individuals to whom you report, two from faculty members and community/business leaders). References will not be contacted without the applicant’s prior permission.

Nominators should send a letter of nomination and, if possible, the nominee’s curriculum vitae.

For additional information: Professor Jonathan Cole, currently the John Mitchell Mason Professor of the University at Columbia University and its provost and dean of faculties from 1989 to 2003, is advising CUNY in this search. Inquiries and confidential requests can be directed to him at jrc5@columbia.edu or (212) 854-8213. You can also contact Ms. Mahlet Tsegaye, Executive Office of Search/ CUNY at executivesearch@cuny.edu. (646) 664-9404; 216 East 42nd Street, 11th Floor, NY, NY 10017.

All inquiries, nominations and applications will be held in the strictest confidence. Please visit The Graduate Center on its website at www.gc.cuny.edu for additional information.

We are committed to enhancing our diverse academic community by actively encouraging people with disabilities, minorities, veterans, and women to apply. We take pride in our pluralistic community and continue to seek excellence through diversity and inclusion. EEO/A Employer.