



PRESIDENT UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

The University of Southern California (USC), a longtime member of the Association of American Universities (AAU) and the oldest and largest private research university in the American West, is seeking a person to succeed President Steven Sample. Dr. Sample has announced he will retire from the USC presidency on August 2, 2010, after 19 years of spectacular achievements in this position. Indeed, many observers believe USC has made greater strides academically over the past two decades than any other AAU university.

The president is the chief executive officer of the university. He or she is selected by, and serves at the pleasure of, the USC Board of Trustees, and enjoys broad delegated responsibility and authority from the Trustees for all university operations, including personnel matters, fiscal matters, planning, and stewardship of university resources.

USC comprises a College of Letters, Arts, and Sciences and 17 highly regarded professional schools—accounting (Leventhal); architecture; business (Marshall); cinematic arts; communication and journalism (Annenberg); dentistry; education (Rossier); engineering (Viterbi); fine arts (Roski); gerontology (Davis); law (Gould); medicine (Keck); music (Thornton); pharmacy; policy, planning, and development; social work; and theatre.

The university enrolls 34,000 students, 17,000 of whom study at the postgraduate level. USC also supports 350 postdoctoral fellows and trains more than 900 medical residents. The university employs almost 3,000 full-time faculty mem-

bers, 54 of whom are members of the National Academy of Sciences, the National Academy of Engineering, or the Institute of Medicine.

At the undergraduate level, USC is one of the most selective universities in the nation. For the fall 2009 term, the freshman class had an average GPA of 4.2 and an average SAT score of 2068 (or 1379 on the older two-part scale). The university received some 36,000 undergraduate applications for the fall 2009 term, which works out to 13 applicants for every opening in the freshman class. The university experienced a 25-point jump in the *U.S. News & World Report* annual college rankings, going from 51st in 1991 to 26th today.

The annual operating revenues of the university are approximately \$2.7 billion, which includes \$500 million in annual support for sponsored research. The university raises over \$400 million annually in cash gifts (not including pledges). USC's most recent fund-raising drive raised nearly \$3 billion, which at the time was the largest total of any academic fund-raising campaign in the history of higher education. Slightly more than half of the funds raised in that campaign came from non-USC alumni. From 1991 to fiscal year 2008 the university's endowment grew by a factor of eight, from \$500 million to nearly \$4 billion. USC and its partner institutions have recently completed, or will soon complete, 29 new buildings, which will provide nearly 8 million square feet of new space for research, teaching, patient care, student housing, and enrichment of student life.

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USC plays a key role in the cultural and economic life of Los Angeles. The university is by far the largest private employer in L.A., and brings more money into L.A. from outside the city than any other private institution or corporation. Taken together, USC's five schools in the arts arguably constitute the strongest offering in the arts of any university in America. USC also attracts more international students than any other American university. The university was a co-founding institution (along with Caltech, UC Berkeley, and UCLA) of the Association of Pacific Rim Universities, a consortium of the 42 leading research universities around the Pacific Rim. USC has a long tradition of athletic excellence with over 640 student-athletes competing in 10 women's sports and nine men's sports. USC was named College of the Year 2000 by *Time Magazine* and the *Princeton*

Review, primarily in recognition of its exceptionally successful partnerships with its surrounding neighborhoods.

Nominations and applications for this position will be considered as they are received up until the time the trustees have named a new president. Names and qualifications of potential candidates should be submitted to:

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The university will make every effort to maintain absolute confidentiality throughout the search process.

USC is an equal opportunity affirmative action employer that actively seeks diversity in its workforce.