PROVOST POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT

Kenyon College seeks nominations and applications for the position of Provost. The Provost is the chief academic officer of the College and leader of the faculty, providing direction and support for the faculty in curriculum and matters of broad strategic interest. The Provost oversees evaluations of faculty members and hiring of new faculty, and prepares and manages the budget for academic programs. The Provost oversees the work of the Academic Dean and Director of Libraries, and works closely with faculty governance committees, chairs of departments and directors of interdisciplinary programs. Duties also include serving as liaison to the Trustee Committee on Curriculum and Faculty. The Provost reports directly to the President of the College and serves on the President's senior staff. Normally the provost joins an academic department, teaches, and becomes tenurable as a faculty member.

We seek an individual with a substantial record of teaching and scholarship, and clear commitments to education in the liberal arts and sciences, to the primacy of undergraduate instruction, and to diversity in the College community. Candidates should have relevant experience and evidence of effectiveness in academic administration, including financial management and working with faculty, administrators and students. The successful candidate will need an ability to articulate faculty concerns and College priorities to major college constituencies.

Founded in 1824, Kenyon College enjoys a strong national reputation and a student body representing every state and almost two dozen foreign countries. With a coeducational student population of approximately 1,450 and a faculty of more than 130, Kenyon has a student-faculty ratio of 11 to 1. A highly selective admissions program stresses exceptional accomplishment and diversity. All students reside on campus and participate with faculty members in the active and varied life of a tightly knit but broadly inclusive community. About three quarters of Kenyon's graduates pursue graduate and professional degrees.

There is an absolute emphasis on high-quality teaching at the College with 96% of the faculty holding terminal degrees in their field. Faculty members are actively engaged in scholarship, research in the sciences, and creative work in the arts. In recent years members have received grants for their professional work from The MacArthur Foundation, NASA, NEA, NEH, and NSF, among others. The curriculum focuses on the traditional liberal arts and sciences, and also includes interdisciplinary components such as African and African-American Studies, Asian Studies, Neuroscience, and Women's and Gender Studies. Computing resources at Kenyon are among the best in the nation for a small liberal arts college. Kenyon enjoys a rich literary and artistic tradition and is noted for its association with the Kenyon Review.

The 800-acre campus is located in the village of Gambier in the rolling hills of central Ohio, an hour northeast of Columbus. The oldest private institution of higher education in Ohio, the College features distinguished and well-maintained older buildings, some on the National Registry of Historic Buildings, as well as several newer facilities, including a library completed in 1986. The College takes pride in a long record of sound financial management and balanced books, with a 1993-94 operating budget of almost $40 million.

Applicants must submit the following: a resume, a cover letter with a statement of approach to the liberal arts and leadership, and a list of addresses and telephone numbers of three referees who may be contacted. The beginning date for the position is July 1, 1994. Applications will be received until the position is filled, but review of materials will begin November 15. Applications should be sent to:

Chair, Provost Search Committee
Stephens Hall
Kenyon College
Gambier, OH 43022

The applications of women and minorities are particularly encouraged. Kenyon College is an equal opportunity employer which affirms the values and goals of diversity.