



## MONTCLAIR STATE UNIVERSITY

The Search Committee for the Dean of the College of Humanities and Social Sciences at Montclair State University invites nominations, applications, and expressions of interest for the position of Dean. The new Dean will assume office in the Summer of 2009.

Montclair State University is a comprehensive public university offering a rich array of programs to approximately 17,500 undergraduate and graduate students. Founded in 1908, the University is organized into five academic units: the College of Humanities & Social Sciences, the College of Education & Human Services, the College of Science & Mathematics, the College of the Arts, and the School of Business. Characterized by a distinguished faculty of 510 full-time teacher-scholars, Montclair State offers ten undergraduate degrees in more than 70 major areas of study and seven degrees at the Master's and Doctoral level in 36 areas of study. The University is located 14 miles west of New York City on a beautiful 230-acre suburban New Jersey campus.

With a faculty of 195 distinguished scholars/teachers and approximately 4,050 students, the College of Humanities and Social Sciences is the largest of the University's academic units. The College provides a rich variety of degree programs and is organized into 13 departments, 3 interdisciplinary degree programs, and 12 centers, institutes and societies. Degree programs include: Anthropology, Audiology, Classics and General Humanities, Communication Sciences and Disorders, English, History, Justice Studies, Linguistics, Modern Languages and Literatures, Philosophy and Religion, Political Science and Law, Psychology, Sociology, Spanish and Italian, Women's Studies, and a number of minors, including African American Studies, and Latin American and Latino Studies. The College's centers, institutes and societies include the Center for Child Advocacy, the Coccia Institute for the Italian Experience in America, the Center for Heritage and Archeological Studies, and the Humanities Institute. The College has successfully combined a traditional focus on liberal education with programs at both the undergraduate and graduate level that fulfill specific career objectives.

The Dean, who is appointed by the President and reports to the Provost/Vice President for Academic Affairs, serves as the chief academic and administrative officer of the College. The Dean is expected to be an intellectual leader not only within the College, but across the campus and within the external community as well. She/he will have the vision to identify and pursue new opportunities for the College and the intellectual strength to direct its growth and development within the framework of the University's expanding mission. The Dean will be responsible for the administrative and fiscal management of the College, overseeing a budget of approximately \$23 million. The Dean will give special attention to the development of academic programs at the graduate and undergraduate levels, the recruitment and development of faculty, and the quality of the academic experience of the College's students. She/he will be responsible for effectively representing the College to the campus, alumni and external communities, and will provide leadership in the pursuit of the external resources required to augment State appropriations. The Dean will be a key member of the University's senior leadership team and will be imaginative in finding ways to advance the goals and objectives of both the College and the University and to foster collaborations across the campus.

The successful candidate will possess an earned doctorate and a record of distinguished academic achievement appropriate for appointment at the rank of full professor in a department of the College. In addition, she/he should possess strong communication skills; the ability to foster a collegial and collaborative academic environment; a commitment to excellence in teaching/learning, scholarship and the application of knowledge; a record of successful administration in higher education and a broad understanding of current issues in higher education; a demonstrated record in the acquisition of external resources; a thorough understanding of curricular needs in the humanities and social sciences; experience with instruction utilizing information technology and electronic access to information; and a commitment to maintaining and extending student and faculty diversity.

The Committee will begin to review candidates in late August 2008 and will continue until an appointment is made. Confidential nominations and applications should be addressed to **Dr. Eileen Fitzpatrick, Chair of the CHSS Search Committee**, and sent electronically (PDF or MS Word) to **MontclairCHSS@academic-search.com**. Applicants should include a cover letter describing how their background, skills, and education match the needs of the University, along with a curriculum vitae, and the names and contact information (including e-mail addresses) of at least five professional references.

Additional information about Montclair State University and the Dean's position can be found at **www.chss.montclair.edu**.

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