



WALTER SCOTT, JR.
SCOTT SCHOLARS

The University of Nebraska invites applications and nominations for the position of Executive Director (ED) of the Scott Scholars Program.

Reporting to Vice Chancellor for Student Success, the ED leads the integration and administration of co-curricular activities that enrich the undergraduate education of the accomplished Scott Scholars students enrolled in STEM-related degree programs on campuses of the University. Established in 1997, the Scott Scholars program attracts and retains outstanding high-school graduates to enroll in and complete degrees in fields that are of critical importance to the vitality and quality of life in the state and its communities. This is an extraordinary opportunity for a dynamic, visionary leader to advance the national reputation of the program, engage alumni, while advancing efforts to prepare Scott Scholars for productive careers and engaged service as citizens of Nebraska in development of the next generation STEM leaders, innovators, and entrepreneurs.

He/She will be a proven, high integrity leader with a background in science, technology, engineering, or relevant private industry, along with a successful history of cultivating relationships that drive innovation, discovery, and entrepreneurial activity leveraging partnerships with corporate, governmental, academic and nonprofit partners. She/He will engage faculty, staff and external constituencies effectively in a collegial and collaborative manner and demonstrate excellent written and oral communication skills, social, emotional, and intercultural competencies.

The ED will provide the vision and leadership to create and implement a strategic plan to optimize the academic quality, leadership in education, research, scholarship, and engagement of the Program. He/She will collaborate with representatives from each of the STEM-based academic college programs, faculty fellows advisory board, and a community/business advisory board, to develop an innovative learning agenda that integrates curricular and co-curricular experiences of the Program on the campuses and in the surrounding communities.

He/She must be a strategic thinker, adept at building partnerships within a diverse community, knowledgeable in higher education issues, collaborative in developing team-focused, data-driven approaches to problem solving, and possess strong people skills. Working in partnership with the senior administration, the successful candidate will be expected to embrace and contribute to the University of Nebraska's mission and core

values. This is an outstanding opportunity for a creative leader at an exciting time in the continued growth of the Program and the University of Nebraska.

The ED will assist in efforts to recruit and retain high performing students in Nebraska poised to excel academically, grow in maturity, acquire a deep sense of personal and professional responsibility, and provide future leadership in creating new businesses, products, and services that contribute to the vitality to the communities of the state.

A twelve-month appointment, the Executive Director leads two additional staff members located on UNO's Scott Campus.

Preferred Qualifications

- Graduate degree in STEM-related field from an accredited institution. Doctorate degree in a related field or commensurate experience in industry and/or government is preferred;
- Experience working with high achieving college students;
- Substantial administrative personnel and budgetary experience;
- Evidence of a strong commitment to helping students obtain a broad-based experiential education, mentoring, student engagement, and student success;
- Evidence of strong interpersonal and communications skills with faculty, staff, students, alumni, and community members;
- Demonstrated ability to manage a complex academic organization and work effectively with colleagues across divisions;
- Evidence of effective community involvement, outreach, leadership, and demonstrated ability to forge partnerships and build productive relationships with both campus and business community constituencies;
- Evidence of recruitment and retention of a diverse staff, as well as teambuilding, supervision, and staff support for professional development;
- Demonstrated commitment to student centeredness and optimization of student learning.

About UNO

The University of Nebraska at Omaha is Nebraska's premier metropolitan research university, offering nationally recognized bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees. UNO is dedicated to the highest levels of academic achievement, diversity and inclusion. The opportunity to create the next chapter continues as the University of Nebraska at Omaha addresses the changing needs of the metropolitan area, state, region and world.

A Carnegie Doctoral/Research University offering more than 200 programs of study, the university was built on a commitment to providing a rigorous, relevant, and affordable education which meets the diverse needs of traditional and nontraditional students. UNO is host to NCAA Division I sports in the Summit League. Spanning more than 150 acres on multiple campuses in the heart of Omaha, the university has long set the pace for accessible higher education in Nebraska and continues to offer an academically rigorous experience to a diverse student body of over 12,000 undergraduates and over 3,000 graduate students. UNO's student population represents 33 states and 71 countries; and, in 2012, 40 percent of UNO's student body was first generation.

Procedure for Candidacy

Review of applications will begin immediately and continue until the position is filled. Applications should include a current curriculum vita and letter explaining interest and relevant experience. For additional information concerning The University of Nebraska, at Omaha, visit www.unomaha.edu or The University of Nebraska, visit www.nebraska.edu. Nomination and applications should be submitted electronically in confidence to Jeffrey Harris.

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