

Desired Presidential Qualifications

President of University of New Orleans

The Board is seeking a leader who will inspire trust and confidence and move the University toward continued productive change. This person should have:

- an earned doctorate from an accredited institution (preferred);
- successful senior experience in an institution of higher education or in other disciplines;
- strength in fiscal management and philanthropy;
- a fundamental commitment to the importance of research and the pursuit of academic excellence;
- the ability to inspire students, faculty, and staff to expand their knowledge and understanding in multicultural, global society;
- a commitment to recruiting and retention initiatives;
- a respect for cross-cultural and ethnic differences with a high level of cultural intelligence and a commitment to collaboration with faculty, students, and staff;
- a commitment to the overall well-being of students and a willingness to support special student populations;
- the ability to appropriately balance academics and athletics;
- a commitment to seeking university support through public and private resources;
- an understanding of the mission of an urban research institution;
- an appreciation for the arts and unique culture of the area;
- the ability to be innovative and an agent for change;
- a desire to increase the University's prominence in the community;
- excellent communication skills and a demonstrated ability to work in an environment of collegiality and shared decision-making;
- extensive experience in developing collaborative educational partnerships with community and business leaders;
- a commitment to the practice of transparency throughout the University;
- the ability to be entrepreneurial, progressive, and holistic;
- the ability to be a strong advocate for the University at the state, regional, and national levels;
- a desire to maintain strong professional relations with state, regional, and local elected officials;
- an appreciation and understanding of quality of life issues; and
- the ability and desire to remain President of the University of New Orleans for a period of several years.