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## **CHANCELLOR**

### **Arkansas State University**

Arkansas State University is an Equal Opportunity, Affirmative Action Employer with a strong institutional commitment to the achievement of excellence and diversity among its faculty and staff. In support of this commitment, Arkansas State University invites nominations and applications for the position of chancellor of the Jonesboro campus. The chancellor functions as the chief executive officer of the campus and reports to the Arkansas State University System president. Founded in 1909 and accredited by The Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association, the university has maintained its student-centered teaching tradition in a doctoral-intensive university setting. A-State offers 47 degree programs with in 163 major fields of study across the doctoral, specialist, master's, bachelor and associate degree levels. A-State Online is the largest provider in the state of Arkansas. The Jonesboro campus is host to the first osteopathic medical school in Arkansas, New York Institute of Technology College of Osteopathic Medicine at Arkansas State, and is partnering to open the first American-style residential campus in Mexico with A-State Campus Queretaro. The university has doctoral degrees in Educational Leadership, Environmental Science, Heritage Studies, Molecular Biosciences, Nursing Practice, Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy. Home to more than 14,000 students and more than 80,000 alumni, Arkansas State University is the largest and oldest campus of the Arkansas State University System. More information about Arkansas State University can be found at [AState.edu](http://AState.edu), and more information about the ASU System can be found at [ASUSystem.edu](http://ASUSystem.edu).

Continuing its growth, Arkansas State University seeks a visionary, innovative, and consensus-building individual to lead the university in its second century of service. The successful candidate will have a sustained record of character and integrity deserving of the public trust, an earned doctorate or recognized terminal degree, a minimum of five years of executive leadership experience, a demonstrable commitment to the ideals of excellence and diversity, and a successful track record working in an environment of strong shared governance.

The university seeks a chancellor who will continue to increase student-centered academic opportunities, lead the university to doctoral-intensive status, provide strategic guidance to the campus, and administer the following responsibilities:

- Be a willing and visible servant leader who earns the confidence and respect of faculty, staff, students, and alumni by being an effective listener and who fosters an excellent rapport with campus constituency groups through open and substantive communication;

- Provide strategic leadership and articulate a shared vision and mission for the institution that is based on student success, collaboration, exemplary academic programming, and sound fiscal management;
- Foster a culture focused on academic research, discovery and innovation and committed to the pursuit of knowledge;
- Organize an efficient and responsive structure for the management of academic, student, and financial components of the campus administration that embraces the principles of shared governance and is consistent with board and institutional policies;
- Seek entrepreneurial opportunities to generate additional revenue streams which advance the university's mission;
- Communicate effectively and transparently, and work cooperatively with faculty, staff, students, ASU system officials, and the community;
- Possess experience in an academic classroom setting and a strong commitment to teaching, student learning, scholarly contributions, and academic freedom;
- Represent the campus and the university with fairness and integrity;
- Support A-State's Division I Red Wolves intercollegiate athletics program.

The campus is located in Jonesboro, a city of more than 72,000 residents, and the Jonesboro Metropolitan Statistical Area with a population of over 124,000. Jonesboro enjoys a diversified economy based on health care, education, agriculture, food processing plants, and industrial manufacturing. The city serves an 18-county retail trade area of a half million residents. Jonesboro also boasts a vibrant downtown entertainment district that features fine dining establishments, art galleries, musical performances and other cultural activities. Memphis is approximately 75 miles to the southeast; Little Rock is 130 miles to the southwest; and the Ozark Mountains are 50 miles to the west. Additional information about the community can be found at: [www.jonesborochamber.com](http://www.jonesborochamber.com)

Review of applications will continue until the position is filled, with priority consideration being given to applications received by \_\_\_\_\_, 2017. Under the provisions of the Arkansas Freedom of Information Act, applications are subject to public inspection. The new chancellor will assume office on a date mutually agreed upon with the System President and Board of Trustees.