



OLD DOMINION UNIVERSITY
DEAN OF THE COLLEGE OF ARTS & LETTERS

Position Title: Dean of the College of Arts & Letters

Position Number: FA211A

Review of Applications Begins: October 15, 2009

Old Dominion University, located in the City of Norfolk in the metropolitan Hampton Roads region of coastal Virginia, is a state-assisted, Carnegie doctoral/research-extensive institution that serves its students and enriches the Commonwealth of Virginia, the nation, and the world through rigorous academic programs, strategic partnerships, and active civic engagement. Its 24,000 students, including over 6,000 graduate students, form a diverse and multicultural community in 6 academic colleges (see <http://www.odu.edu/>). Through a collaborative and innovative approach to education and research, the University focuses on student learning and addresses critical needs in the professions. ODU's arts, athletic, and cultural events enrich the residential campus and local communities. Programs are offered on the main campus, at higher education centers in the region, and at numerous distance learning sites.

The Dean will lead the College at an exciting time. Under the dynamic leadership of President John R. Broderick, ODU's Strategic Plan for 2009-2014 focuses on student success, strategic investment in nationally prominent academic and research programs, expansion of international connections, a high quality campus life, and strong civic and community partnerships. The Dean will be an effective advocate for the College in achieving the University's goals and will provide energetic leadership in teaching, research and service. He or she will enhance the collegial, intellectual environment, expand creative and scholarly research, lead fund-raising activities, strengthen relationships with the area's many arts organizations and community agencies, and work productively with faculty, staff and students and with the University's other five colleges.

The 200 full-time faculty members of the College of Arts and Letters are in 10 departments; see <http://al.odu.edu/> for a full listing. The College is also home to programs in International Studies and Interdisciplinary Studies, the Institutes of Asian Studies, Ethics and Public Affairs, Humanities, Jewish Studies and Interfaith Understanding, and the Study of Race and Ethnicity. Among other activities, the College administers the University Art Gallery, Community Dance and Music Programs, and an Annual Literary Festival.

Qualifications: The successful candidate will have an earned doctorate or equivalent, a record meriting appointment as a tenured full professor in a department of the college, and administrative experience minimally at the level of academic department chair or equivalent. Candidates must have a demonstrated commitment to academic excellence and a history of collaborative decision making, and must be able to communicate effectively within the University and with external constituencies. Preference will be given to candidates who have a demonstrated commitment to teaching and research excellence, diversity, global education, and collaboration with disciplines outside of the college.

Applications/Nominations: Applications should be sent electronically to jbowman@odu.edu . Applicants requiring accommodations for electronic assistance should contact the Office of Academic Affairs at 757 683-3260. Applicants should submit a letter of interest, current curriculum vitae and names, addresses, email addresses, and phone numbers of five professional references. Review of applications will begin immediately and continue until an appointment is made.

Applications and nominations should be directed to Chair, Dean of Arts & Letters Search Committee, Office of Academic Affairs, 220 Koch Hall, Old Dominion University, Norfolk, VA 23529-0011. Old Dominion University's web address is www.odu.edu .

Confidential screening of applicants will begin on October 15, 2009. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled.

Old Dominion University is an affirmative action, equal opportunity institution and requires compliance with the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986.