Chief Communications Officer

The University of Virginia seeks nominations and applications for a visionary leader to fill the newly created position of Chief Communications Officer (CCO).

The CCO will report directly to the President and will be a member of the President’s Cabinet. He/she will be a creative communications leader who can create a redesigned organizational structure that will allow the university to communicate most effectively with a variety of constituents, using a broad range of traditional and electronic media. University Communications will work in close partnership with the Vice Presidents, Centers, and school-level communications teams, sharing their talents, knowledge and skills and building on a history of collaboration.

Founded by Thomas Jefferson in 1819, the University of Virginia sustains the ideal of developing, through education, leaders who are well-prepared to shape the future of the nation. Its commitment to excellence, evidenced by consistent ranking among the top two public institutions in the country, according to U.S. News and World Report, is made possible by the University’s superb students, faculty, and staff, as well as by its commitment to diversity and the free exchange of ideas.

Qualifications

- Passionate commitment and enthusiasm for leadership, success in creating and managing large teams including communications, marketing, news, and media;
- Broad vision of the future of communications and marketing with strong understanding of the latest trends and technology;
- Superior communication, relationship building, transparency and fairness;
- Strategic thinking and planning with an understanding of issues in higher education, especially public higher education;
- Successful track record of creating innovative approaches for communicating with a wide range of audiences;
- Experience in executing a successful and strategic social media campaign with proven results;
- Demonstrated ability to creatively manage a budget in an environment of limited funding and resources;
- Successful record of publications and/or high-visibility media placements;
- Demonstrated experience in strategic communications planning and crisis management, preferably within an academic institution and/or large, complex and decentralized environment;
- Commitment to high performance and results orientation;
- A Master’s degree in a related field or a Bachelor’s degree with appropriate experience.

To Apply

To apply for this position or nominate a candidate, send your cover letter and resume by email to sht2n@virginia.edu. The position will remain open until filled and the search will be carried out with full confidentiality. For further information, please contact Susan Talbert by email sht2n@virginia.edu.

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