



## **President**

University of Maine at Fort Kent

The Board of Trustees of the University of Maine System invites nominations and applications for the position of President of the University of Maine at Fort Kent.

The President is the chief administrative officer of the University, responsible for all aspects of its mission. The President reports directly to the Chancellor of the System and serves, along with the presidents of the other six universities, as a member of the System's Presidents' Council.

The University of Maine at Fort Kent is located in a particularly beautiful part of a destination state. UMFK is nestled in the St. John River Valley at the confluence of the St. John and Fish rivers. For over a hundred years, UMFK has been the higher education center for this region of northern Maine. It enrolls approximately 850 students in four academic divisions: Nursing, Education, Arts and Humanities, and Natural and Behavioral Sciences. The University hosts the Acadian Archives, one of two such resources in the country, and cherishes its Acadian and Quebecois history and culture. Please refer to the [Institutional Profile](#) for additional information.

Preferred leadership characteristics the successful president will possess:

- Entrepreneurial leadership skills and success in building enrollment and retention levels
- A willingness to work with the campus and larger community to move UMFK forward
- An appreciation for the distinctiveness of Franco American heritage and culture
- Commitment to the values of academic quality, strong student support, experiential learning and sustainability in a small campus environment
- Commitment to the liberal arts and professional programs
- Appreciation for the surrounding community which enjoys unusually close connections to the campus
- Sensitivity to the important role of elected officials at the local, state and federal level
- Experience with distance education
- Comfort with shared governance, the open exchange of ideas and problem solving in a collective bargaining environment
- Ability to work constructively within a system with a unified board of trustees and a chancellor to whom the president reports
- Respect for traditional and non-traditional students, and the unique educational needs of each group
- Demonstrated ability in budgeting and financial management
- Experience with successful fundraising, plus the capacity to work with high net worth donors and foundations for transformational gifts
- A terminal degree in an academic or professional discipline

Nominations and applications will be accepted until an appointment is made, within the practical limits of the process as finalists are identified. Review of applications will begin December 11, 2009. The position will be available in July 2010. Applications should include: a letter describing the candidate's interest in the position and a statement of how the candidate's experiences and qualifications match the University's mission, strategic direction and desired characteristics for the next president; a curriculum vitae or resume; and the names, addresses (including e-mail), and telephone numbers for at least five references. All names will remain confidential except those individuals invited for campus interviews.

All nominations and applications should be in Microsoft Word or pdf format. Please send electronically to: [umfkpresidentalsearch@maine.edu](mailto:umfkpresidentalsearch@maine.edu). The search is being assisted by Dr. Terrence MacTaggart, [tjm@maine.edu](mailto:tjm@maine.edu). Additional information may be obtained by visiting the University of Maine at Fort Kent at [www.umfk.maine.edu](http://www.umfk.maine.edu).

*The University of Maine at Fort Kent is an equal opportunity/affirmative action employer and is committed to achieving excellence through diversity. It actively seeks and encourages expressions of interest and applications from women, persons with disabilities, and members of underrepresented populations. The University provides reasonable accommodations to qualified individuals with disabilities upon request.*