



PRINCIPAL OF PRESTON RESIDENTIAL COLLEGE

The University of South Carolina announces the search for the fifth resident Principal of Preston College, the University's first Residential College, a living-learning environment designed to enhance, both academically and culturally, the university experience of its residents. It is expected that the position of Principal will be filled by a faculty member at the USC-Columbia campus.

The Principal, with the active support of student residents, resident mentors and 35-40 Faculty Associates and Friends of Preston from a broad spectrum of disciplines, will lead Preston College's programs. Preston College (across Greene Street from the Russell House) houses 240 undergraduates and the Principal's family. The College dining room is located in the Russell House where the residents take four evening meals a week with the Principal and Associates.

The Principal's duties include: acting as the chief academic administrator; living in the special quarters in the college; promoting collegiality among faculty and students; interacting effectively with the Director of Housing and with other University officials; and promoting cultural diversity, intellectual exchange, and artistic expression.

The following attributes will be considered in choosing the Principal:

- faculty status on the USC-Columbia campus;
- undergraduate teaching and scholarly record of distinction;
- demonstrated commitment to excellence in undergraduate education;
- administrative or organizational skills.

The Principal will be appointed for a three-year term.

As compensation, the Principal will receive an appropriate salary supplement; release from certain teaching duties; residential quarters in the Principal's Lodge, which is a spacious (3 bedroom, 2 ½ bath, 2,100 square foot) apartment with reserved parking privileges; financial support for meals; and an incidentals budget. These and other issues will be negotiated with the Provost.

Nominations, applications, and queries are welcome. It is expected that the appointment will begin August 2010.

Please direct questions or send letter of application (including vita, brief statement of interest, and names of three references) to Dr. Helen Doerpinghaus, c/o Office of the Provost, Osborne 102. The search committee will begin to review files of candidates beginning October 15, 2009. The search will continue until the position is filled.

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