

**Montserrat College of Art
Beverly, Massachusetts**

President

Montserrat College of Art, a unique independent not-for-profit college of visual art and design, invites nominations and applications for the position of President. Founded in the 1960s as a school of visual arts, Montserrat became an accredited college in the 1980s and has retained its entrepreneurial and student-centered roots. Montserrat is a vibrant and close-knit community of 280 students and approximately 65 full and part-time faculty engaged in a broad array of artistic study and expression. Strong support and mentorship from faculty nurtures the artistic development of students and these are the hallmarks of the Montserrat experience. The College's curriculum includes a four-year bachelor of fine arts degree program, a pre-college program, continuing education offerings, study abroad programs, and internship/work opportunities. A fifth-year certification program in Art Education is also offered. Montserrat is accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC) and by the National Association of Schools of Art and Design (NASAD). The College is located just 20 miles north of Boston, in Beverly, Massachusetts—an historic seaside city.

The Position

Reporting directly to the Board of Trustees, the President will lead with enthusiasm, vision, and energy—building on the forward momentum of increased enrollment and the Fall 2009 completion of a new Student Village residential complex. As the chief executive officer, the President will oversee the academic, co-curricular, community outreach, enrollment, financial administration, and fundraising initiatives of the institution. Additionally, the President will serve as the senior institutional representative working with NEASC and will build a strong consultative partnership with the Board, local leaders, and the arts community. Montserrat's next President will have the opportunity to shape the strategic priorities of the institution, supporting measured growth in enrollment and fiscal sustainability. This President must have the ability to build an effective development office and attract new donors; manage the day-to-day activities of the College with a strong focus on fiscal responsibility; and raise the visibility and recognition of the College and its talented faculty, staff, students, and alumni to an ever-broader audience.

Qualifications

The successful candidate will possess an advanced degree and a track record that includes demonstrated leadership within higher education or comparably complex organizations. The position requires an accessible and collaborative style, coupled with a keen ability to articulate the College's mission and academic offerings to prospective students and parents, alumni, the community, and accrediting bodies. Evidence of strong fiscal/budget management, fundraising, strategic planning, and relationship-building skills, as well as an understanding of institutional advancement and experience working effectively with governing boards are essential. A deep appreciation of the academic mission, commitment to diversity and inclusion, and a passion for the arts will also be important factors in the selection of the next President.

Application and Nomination

Review of applications will begin on June 12, 2009, and will continue until the position is filled. Online applications, including a position-specific cover letter and resume, are being accepted via the SJG website at **www.spelmanandjohnson.com** under the link Open Positions. Nominations for this position may be emailed to eth@spelmanandjohnson.com or vbs@spelmanandjohnson.com. If you are unable to submit materials electronically, please call SJG at 413-529-2895.

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