The Board of Trustees of The City University of New York (CUNY) and The Graduate School and University Center Presidential Search Committee invite nominations and applications for the position of President of The Graduate Center. The President serves as the chief academic and administrative officer of the institution, reporting to the Chancellor, according to policy set by the CUNY Board of Trustees.

CUNY is the nation’s leading urban public institution, serving more than 400,000 students at its 19 colleges and professional schools in New York City. CUNY’s recent strategy of institutional renewal—including strengthening academic and admission standards, hiring 900 additional full-time faculty, reforming teacher education and testing programs, and expanding partnerships with public schools—has led to better-prepared and better-performing students, and its highest enrollment since 1975. Building on this momentum, CUNY’s master plan calls for continued emphasis on faculty recruitment, research, and university-wide integration.

Established in 1961 as the Ph.D.-granting institution of CUNY, The Graduate School and University Center (known as The Graduate Center) offers 32 doctoral programs in the humanities, social sciences, and sciences. In addition, the school has six master’s programs, administers an individually designed CUNY Baccalaureate Program as well as the recently established School of Professional Studies, houses 28 research centers, and presents a wide range of continuing education courses and public programs.

A nationally unique consortium, The Graduate Center draws on system-wide resources to conduct the doctoral programs. Reflecting the success of this consortial approach, more than one-third of The Graduate Center’s rated Ph.D. programs achieved a top 20 ranking for scholarly reputation in the latest National Research Council survey.

The Graduate Center’s mission is to prepare students to become scholars, experts, and leaders in the academy and the private, nonprofit, and governmental sectors; to enhance access to doctoral education for traditionally underrepresented groups; to undertake cutting-edge research in all its doctoral fields; and to advance the educational, economic, and cultural interests of the complex urban community it serves.

With its move to its landmark campus on Fifth Avenue (the former B. Altman Department store), its first capital campaign close to completion, and the continuation of an extraordinary faculty recruitment drive, The Graduate Center is poised to enter a new era of distinction, building on its established scholarly reputation, the unparalleled resources of New York City, and the school’s unique environment as a doctoral studies institution. A priority of the University is a continuing increase in doctoral student support in the form of tuition remission and fellowships. The state-of-the-art facilities provide attractive venues for a wide variety of academic and public programs.

The doctoral faculty has 1600 members based across the 19 CUNY campuses, including 120 faculty appointed at The Graduate Center. Faculty members regularly receive prestigious honors and awards. Student enrollment exceeds 4,000 (3,856 doctoral & 175 master’s). The Graduate Center’s 2003-2004 operating budget was $69.52 million, funded through New York State and student tuition.
The Chancellor and The Graduate Center seek a dynamic, visionary, influential leader, a person of the highest personal and professional integrity, who will guide the institution to higher levels of accomplishment and reputation, work well with the faculty, and fully engage the school’s distinguished alumni/ae.

**Preferred qualifications for the position include:**

- A demonstrated record of senior management success in an institution of higher education or institution of comparable scope, with proven strengths in strategic planning, budgeting and management;
- An earned doctorate, university-level teaching experience, and a record of scholarly achievement and professional distinction;
- Demonstrated leadership in developing quality academic programs and supporting a distinguished faculty, in an environment of shared governance;
- A strong record of success in attracting financial support from foundations, corporations, governmental sources and private donors;
- A commitment to enhancing the quality of student life and strengthening the delivery of educational and support services to an urban, multi-cultural, multi-ethnic student body;
- A commitment to enhancing The Graduate Center as an inclusive and diverse community that is fully engaged with the rich cultural, ethnic, religious and economic pluralism of New York City;
- A record of leadership in technological innovation; and
- The capacity to persuasively communicate The Graduate Center’s mission and programs to multiple local and national constituencies, including alumni/ae, the community, and governmental bodies.

The position is available on or before September 1, 2005. Salary and benefits are competitive. The review of applications will begin on December 13, 2004; therefore, applications and nominations are especially encouraged prior to that date. Please visit The Graduate Center’s web site at [www.gc.cuny.edu](http://www.gc.cuny.edu) for additional information.

**APPLICATIONS:** Applicants should send (1) a letter expressing their interest in the position, (2) their curriculum vitae, and (3) the names of five references. References will not be contacted without the applicant’s prior permission. All inquiries, nominations and applications will be held in the strictest confidence.

**NOMINATIONS:** Nominators should send a letter of nomination and, if possible, the nominee's curriculum vitae. Applications and nominations should be sent to:

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**FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:** Professor Jonathan Cole, Provost and Dean of Faculties, Emeritus, of Columbia University, is advising us in this search. Inquiries and confidential requests can be directed to him at es302@columbia.edu or 212-854-8213.

The City University of New York is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action/ADA Employer. It has a strong commitment to racial, cultural, religious and ethnic diversity and actively seeks and encourages nominations and applications from men and women of all races and ethnic backgrounds.