



Columbia College President Search Synopsis



The College: Founded in 1854 as a private liberal arts women's college, Columbia College will become co-educational this fall. The College enrolls approximately 1,200 students and is located in South Carolina's state capital and the greater Columbia metropolitan area which has a population of 750 thousand. *(Additional information about the College can be found at <https://www.columbiasc.edu>).*

The Opportunity: The Board of Trustees of Columbia College has announced a nationwide search to recruit a new President. The next President will be charged with leading this historic institution through a monumental and exciting new strategic change as it expands its traditional mission to encompass its vision to become an outstanding coeducational liberal arts college in the State Capital this fall.

The Position: The incumbent President, Carol Moore, stepped down recently after a four-year tenure during which she prepared the College for its move to a co-educational College. Peter T. Mitchell, who was President from 1988 to 1997, is serving as Interim President.

The President is the chief executive officer of the College and is responsible for its overall management and ongoing successful operation. Columbia College has completed an envisioning process, identifying strengths, opportunities, strategic initiatives, and ethos, as well as establishing a preliminary vision centered on Excellence, Relevance, Innovation, and Leadership (<https://www.columbiasc.edu/about/envisioning-the-future>). The next President will be expected to provide strategic leadership in implementing the vision.

Attributes and Characteristics: The next President will be an exemplary leader who understands the mission and challenges of a small private liberal arts institution in this decade. This person will be a strategic visionary and thinker, an excellent communicator, and an accomplished fund- and friend raiser. The Board is interested in candidates who are student-centered, respectful of faculty, staff and the traditions of the College, and a person who will play an active role in the everyday life of the institution.

The best candidates will combine outstanding interpersonal skills with proven administrative competencies. This person will have impeccable integrity, a high energy level, and a dedication to preparing students for productive lives.

