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DEAC Announces Call for Nominations to Serve on the Commission

The DEAC Nominating Committee is pleased to announce that it is seeking nominations of potential candidates for the DEAC Board of Directors which also serves as the Commission.

The committee is seeking candidates to fill one institution member position that is currently vacant. Furthermore, two current institution representatives, Jessica Park, President and CEO of Abraham Lincoln University and Dr. Michael Moore, Vice-President for Academic Affairs at the University of Arkansas - Grantham are eligible to seek re-election for a subsequent three-year term. The Nominating Committee welcomes additional eligible institution representatives to submit their candidacy applications.

The call for nominations is now open and will remain open November 25, 2026. DEAC encourages interested candidates to submit their credentials for consideration through the DEAC online submission form. Additional information about candidate qualifications and the key responsibilities of serving on the DEAC Board of Directors can be found on the following page. The Committee is particularly interested in candidates who hold a PhD and have experience in both academic leadership and institution presidency.

We value a broad spectrum of educational offerings, cultures, skills, and experiences across DEAC-accredited institutions. To this end, the Committee is deeply committed to recruiting and identifying candidates who reflect DEAC's values and who demonstrate expertise in the accreditation process. Collaborating closely with the Commission, the nominating committee strives to ensure balanced representation and a diverse range of expertise in DEAC's governance and leadership.

ABOUT DEAC
The Distance Education Accrediting Commission (DEAC) is a private, non-profit organization founded in 1926 that operates as a national accreditor of distance education institutions.

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DEAC Board of Directors Candidate Qualifications

In identifying qualified candidates, the Nominating Committee seeks to assure that the composition of the Directors adheres to Article IV, Section 3 of the *Bylaws.* At least two (2) Directors must be academics defined by the Corporation as a person who works full time in an educational institution who actively teaches, delivers educational content to learners, or engages in educational research related to the institution's mission. At least two (2) Directors must be administrators defined by the Corporation as a person currently or recently directly engaged in a significant manner in the administration of an institution.

Institution Member Qualifications

Individuals interested in candidacy for an institution representative position on the Board of Directors must minimally:

1. Represent a DEAC-accredited institution in good standing with DEAC as well as with any other accrediting organization or state or federal regulatory agency.
2. Represent a DEAC-accredited institution that completed at least one cycle to renew accreditation.
3. Possess at least five (5) years of experience in a senior leadership role (academic or administrative) at a DEAC-accredited institution.
4. Demonstrate experience as a DEAC evaluator
5. Demonstrate knowledge and application of learning theories, instructional design, educational technology, and outcomes-based assessment in distance education.
6. Possess the capacity to receive, review and evaluate electronically prepared materials prior to and during all meetings and conference calls. The Board of Directors carries out all its functions using electronically prepared materials.
7. Commit to allocating time for preparations, travel requirements, and full engagement needed for board meetings.

Commitment to the DEAC Board of Directors

Serving on the DEAC Board of Directors requires a significant commitment of time to effectively support the DEAC mission and the process of accreditation. The annual schedule of activities includes attendance at two (2) three-day accreditation decision meetings per year, participation in typically four (4) video conference meetings per year, and committee work in one or more of the Directors' policy and governance areas. Meetings require significant advance preparation as each member of the Board contributes to accreditation decision-making and good governance. On average, directors spend 15-20 hours per week for three weeks to fully prepare for an accreditation decision meeting. Committee responsibilities require an additional 8 to 10 hours of preparation for conference call meetings or in-person committee meetings. In addition to making meticulous preparations for meetings and calls, board members must maintain high standards of integrity, honesty, impartiality, and fidelity to the standards of accreditation in order to carry out the board's essential work. All Directors are required to comply with DEAC's conflict of interest policies and confidentiality policies.