



POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT

PRESIDENT Institute for Educational Leadership Washington, DC

The Institute for Educational Leadership (IEL) is seeking an energetic executive to partner with the Board and staff and lead IEL to greater accomplishments as it advocates for and promotes better education and better futures for all of America's children. IEL is uniquely positioned as a nonpartisan, hands-on, well-connected national organization with more than 40 years of experience. The Institute develops diverse leadership for education, creates leadership networks to build the capacity of individuals and organizations, and supports student learning and development. The Board is committed to helping IEL become a force for change. The Board's vision is to build on the core assets of IEL: its nationally regarded leadership in developing education leaders; its relationships with education policy makers; and its hands-on, innovative programs that build the capacity of communities and states across America.

IEL's work emphasizes the development of the culturally competent and cross-boundary leadership that we believe is necessary to educate our children. Today, leaders for education must be skilled in creating environments that accommodate the many ways and places in which youth learn. IEL sees education as more than schooling, so leaders must be able to build connected communities and networks of people, institutions, and resources to support learning and development, both inside and outside the school. IEL stands out as a value-driven, flexible, respected, and practice-grounded vehicle for change.

The Board seeks a leader who will build on the lessons of IEL's broad experience to chart a course that powerfully positions the organization to increase its voice and presence in the efforts to build an education system for the 21st century.

About IEL: IEL is a non-profit organization based in Washington, D.C. Originally formed in 1964, IEL was formally established in 1971. It operates innovative and improvement initiatives at all governance levels, and provides direct services in 46 states and the District of Columbia. The mission of IEL is to build the capacity of individuals and organizations in education and related fields to work together to achieve better education and futures for all of America's children and youth. To achieve this goal, leaders for education must be skilled in creating environments that accommodate the many ways and places in which all youth learn and develop.

IEL is governed by an 11-member Board of Directors composed of experienced nonprofit executives as well as community, foundation, and state leaders. IEL has 20 staff members and a current annual budget of \$4 million. IEL is funded by foundations, corporations, government (federal, state and local), and generous individual contributions.

IEL Programs and Initiatives: IEL's work, conducted through impartial, dynamic networks and partnerships with diverse individuals and organizations, addresses issues whose resolution "make or break" improved outcomes for children and youth. The work is focused in three primary issue areas: 1) developing and supporting leaders; (2) connecting schools, families, and communities; and (3) improving the policies and systems serving children and youth.

For more information and a complete description of IEL's history, programs and services, visit www.iel.org.

The Position: The President assumes the overall responsibility for all aspects of fundraising, programs and services, budgeting, staffing, and execution of policy initiatives. Reporting to the Board of Directors, the President serves as lead spokesperson for the organization and leads the fundraising and resource development work. Working externally to develop relationships with diverse stakeholders, including partner organizations and funders, is an essential part of the President's role.

The Ideal Candidate: The ideal candidate must demonstrate a passion and a commitment to the mission of IEL. The candidate must join with the Board, staff, and partners to provide timely and high-quality research and analyses that support a compelling vision for the organization. This role demands an array of skills in leadership, policy analysis and research, nonprofit management, and education.

Compensation & Benefits: IEL offers a competitive salary commensurate with experience and an attractive benefits package. IEL will provide reasonable relocation expenses.

Application Process: IEL has retained TransitionGuides to assist in identifying and recruiting candidates for this position. E-mail cover letter, resume, and salary requirements to: IEL@transitionguides.com.

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