Loyola University Chicago (Loyola) invites nominations and applications for its next President. Founded in 1870 as St. Ignatius College by the Society of Jesus, Loyola is one of the largest Catholic universities in the country and Chicago’s only Jesuit university. In the last decade-plus, Loyola has experienced tremendous growth in virtually every dimension, including undergraduate enrollments, student success measures, research activity, physical footprint, and academic programs. Motivated by its Jesuit commitment to social justice and transformative education, Loyola has earned recognition on the national higher education landscape for its robust, mission-centered undergraduate experience, array of quality graduate and professional programs, expanding research initiatives, and engagement with the Chicago community. The next President will be called to build on this past success and continue to move Loyola forward, contributing to a more just and humane world in the Catholic and Jesuit tradition.

Today Loyola enrolls more than 16,000 students across four campuses: Lake Shore (LSC), Water Tower (WTC), Health Sciences (HSC), and the John Felice Rome Center (JFRC) in Italy, and is home to 11 schools and colleges: Quinlan School of Business, Marcella Niehoff School of Nursing, Stritch School of Medicine, College of Arts and Sciences, School of Communication, School of Continuing and Professional Studies, School of Education, School of Law, School of Social Work, The Graduate School, and Arrupe College of Loyola University Chicago. Loyola’s footprint beyond Chicago includes academic centers in Beijing, China, and Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam; the Cuneo Mansion and Gardens in Vernon Hills, Illinois; and a Retreat and Ecology Campus in Woodstock, Illinois. The University offers more than 80 undergraduate majors and over 80 minors, plus some 140 graduate and professional degree programs.

Recognizing Loyola’s excellence, U.S. News & World Report ranks Loyola consistently among the top national universities (No. 99 in the 2016 edition). Loyola is among a select group of universities recognized for community service and engagement by prestigious national organizations such as the Carnegie Foundation and the Corporation for National and Community Service. Loyola is also one of only 8 percent of all American colleges and universities to have a Phi Beta Kappa honor society chapter.

Loyola is conducting a national and diverse search for its next President and welcomes Jesuits and lay individuals. In its next President, Loyola seeks a Roman Catholic who is a visionary and academic leader to continue the University’s upward trajectory as a trailblazer in Jesuit education. Given the size and range of its academic programs both at the undergraduate and graduate level, a seasoned administrator with broad academic experience and exposure to health sciences is preferred. Areas of focus for the next leader include the continued actualization of Loyola’s Jesuit identity, informed through the 2020 strategic plan that puts Loyola’s mission statement into action. As the leader of a tuition-driven institution, the President will also need to balance its goals of access and affordability with financial realities and national enrollment trends. Enhancement of the University’s advancement operation will help to strike this balance, putting into place a system that enables the President and the advancement team to broaden its fundraising initiatives and grow the endowment. As part of Loyola’s commitment to the community, the President will tend to its relationships in Chicago and lead the University in developing and fostering civic partnerships. Continued growth and national recognition for Loyola also requires the President to promote Loyola’s institutional identity as a rising research university, leading the integration of its tradition as a teaching institution with the expanding scholarly goals of faculty and students. Community building through enhanced and transparent communication with the senior leadership team, across all the University’s campuses, and through shared governance practices also will be important.

Loyola will be assisted in this search by Isaacson, Miller, a national executive search firm. Confidential inquiries, nominations, referrals, and resumes with cover letters should be directed electronically via www.imsearch.com/5659 to the attention of Vivian Brocard, Vice President, or Leslie McCarthy, Senior Associate.