

President of the University of St.Gallen

Company:
University of St.Gallen

Location:
Switzerland / St.Gallen

Discipline:

Employment Type:
Permanent Full-time

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Beautifully located between Lake Constance and the Alps, only a short commute from Zurich, the University of St.Gallen (HSG) is home to more than 9,000 students and almost 300 faculty members. As a leading business university in Europe, we have contributed to better understanding and resolving pressing societal and corporate issues through pursuing nationally and internationally acclaimed research and teaching in close collaboration with professional practice. This blend of research excellence, teaching innovation and practical relevance makes HSG unique compared to other universities in Switzerland and business schools in Europe. As a member of the Global Alliance of Leading Business Schools (CEMS) with Triple Crown accreditation, we strengthen the international networking of our students, researchers and alumni and maintain strategic partnerships worldwide.

As of February 2024 the Board of Governors is seeking to appoint a cosmopolitan and visionary personality to succeed the incumbent as

President of the University of St.Gallen

The President both leads the University and represents it internally and externally. In cooperation with the Board of Governors, he or she develops and implements the University's strategy. The President is responsible for the successful further development of the HSG, as well as for ensuring its competitiveness and position in national and international higher education, so that it remains capable of meeting today's increased international requirements. He or she heads the University Management, oversees the University's affairs and business within its governance framework, ensures optimal conditions for successful research, teaching and executive education, and promotes the University's ability to attract top international researchers and excellent students.

At the national and local levels, the successful candidate will safeguard the interests of the HSG, ensure it continues pursuing its distinctly entrepreneurial culture and influence developments in higher education policy. He or she will represent and increase the visibility of the HSG in international associations and networks, as well as towards partner organisations. The postholder will also preside over academic ceremonies and maintain relations with politics, business, society, and our worldwide alumni network.

The future President will combine integrity, resilience and strong communication skills with a first-class international academic track record and an exceptional willingness to perform. He or she will also possess charisma, persuasiveness, the ability to initiate and implement innovative processes, as

well as outstanding interpersonal, teamwork and collaboration skills. He or she will have a firm grasp of political contexts, a comprehensive network and a thorough understanding of the national and international higher education landscape and policy.

The ideal candidate will have gained relevant leadership experience, both in the non-university sector and in a renowned academic institution, and will be familiar with the specific requirements of the University of St.Gallen. His or her participatory leadership style and collegial approach will enable the future President to lead faculty through dialogue and to liaise successfully with the University's stakeholders and the wider public. He or she is expected to be fluent in German and English.

The University of St.Gallen is committed to ensuring gender equity in all its bodies and explicitly invites female candidates to apply. Further information on the position is available upon request from the Chair of the Search Committee, Professor Dr. Oliver Gassmann (contact via Director Research & Faculty +41 71 224 35 24; presidentposition@unisg.ch).

Applications should include a cover letter and the usual supporting documents (as well as details on the applicant's strategic design of the position). They should be submitted online via the HSG application portal (<http://www.unisg.ch/professorships>). Only online applications will be considered. Closing date: 10 September 2022.

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