



University of Idaho

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Enclosed is an application for the position of Coordinator of Minority Student Programs. Please complete and return it as soon as possible. In addition, please forward a set of credentials from your institutional or other employment agency or three letters from references of your own choosing. You may have letters sent in addition to agency-prepared credentials if you desire. If you have a significant sample of your own writing, i.e., reprint article, thesis chapter, speech, grant proposal, it would be helpful to the selection committee if you would send this along for inclusion in your file. Transcripts should be available upon request by the committee. Dossiers must be completed, including returned applications and letters of reference, by August 9, 1974.

The following information about the University of Idaho and the job might be helpful to you. The University is a land-grant institution with an enrollment of approximately 7,000 students. It is located in Moscow, a quiet mountain-fringed, agrarian community of 14,000 persons. Pullman, Washington, home of Washington State University (approximately 15,000 students), is eight miles to the west. The University of Idaho stresses undergraduate education, professional education and graduate work. There are approximately 200 minority students enrolled--Basque, Oriental, Chicano, Black and Native American. The anticipated enrollment for next year includes 35-40 Blacks, 30-35 Chicanos, 60-65 Asian-Americans, 25-30 Native Americans, and 45-50 Basque students. Washington State University has a larger minority student population, about 150 Blacks, for example. Thus, the minority student population of the two campuses provides a nucleus for student activities.

The University of Idaho does not offer separate curricula leading to a degree in any of the various "minority studies" disciplines. The Center for Native American Development is aimed primarily at graduate level instruction, but offers some undergraduate courses. Individual departments provide courses in Black and Native American literature, Black

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politics, (and other Afro-American subjects) and Chicano studies (bilingual specialty).

The selection committee seeks a Coordinator who will be able both to suggest change and to work with the present academic programs of the University. The committee is especially interested in a person who is familiar with the classroom and faculty-student interaction. Getting minority students into the proper class is primarily the responsibility of the academic advisor, though the Coordinator can be of much help in this task. Guiding and counseling students to get them successfully through the course is a principal (but not the exclusive) responsibility of the Coordinator. The person selected for this position should be willing and able to work with minority students, faculty members and staff personnel, and should quickly become familiar with the academic organization and offerings of the University.

The selection committee is pleased that you are interested in the University of Idaho and welcomes your application for this position. If we can answer any questions or be of assistance in other ways, please communicate with the undersigned.

Very sincerely yours,



Siegfried B. Rolland, Chairman
Selection Committee
Coordinator of Minority Student Programs

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