Auburn University is seeking candidates for the position of Chief Information Officer. Reporting to the President, the Chief Information Officer will provide strategic leadership, oversight, and management for all aspects of information systems to include (but not limited to) Information Technology (IT) governance; strategic planning and implementation of technology architecture; development of policy with focus on compliance with all relevant regulatory agencies; management of cybersecurity including enacting business practices to ensure secure data movement, storage, and disposal; delivery of central IT services with customer focus; continuing development of research computing networks and services, and launching new technology initiatives with a focus on the enhancement of student and faculty success. The position will be required to develop and implement a strategic IT plan to carry the university forward. This plan should focus on compliance, governance, operational efficiency, customer-service, communication, and the role of IT in effective instruction, research, and extension in keeping with the University’s mission.

Auburn University is one of the nation’s premier land, sea, and space grant institutions. In the 2015 edition of U.S. News and World Report, it was ranked 48th among public universities. Auburn is an institution that is both highly research-active and committed to maintaining teaching excellence, offering Bachelor’s, Master’s, Educational Specialist, and Doctor’s degrees. Its 2015 enrollment of 27,287 students includes 21,786 undergraduates and 5,501 post baccalaureate students. There are 1,192 instructional faculty members distributed across nine Colleges and three Schools with degrees offered in more than 200 academic programs. Auburn University is nationally recognized for its commitment to academic excellence, positive work environment, exciting student life, and the beauty of its campus.

Auburn University is geographically located in a moderate climate with easy access to both beach and mountain recreational facilities and is situated along the rapidly developing I-85 corridor between Atlanta, Georgia and Montgomery, Alabama. The Auburn-Opelika metropolitan statistical area has a population of 140,000, excellent public school systems, a regional medical center and the distinction of being recognized as one of the “best small towns in America”.

**Core Responsibilities:**

- Develop and maintain IT technology direction for Auburn University. Drive smarter technology investments.
- Create a culture of quality customer service, sound security, and innovation that synchronizes with the University’s mission.
- Establish, maintain and apply up-to-date knowledge of technology standards, industry trends, emerging technologies.
- Participate as a member of the executive team in establishing governance processes of direction and control to ensure that objectives are achieved, risks are managed appropriately and the University’s resources are used responsibly, particularly in areas of technology.
- Manage execution of architecture principles, policies and standards, ensuring architecture guidelines, legal and security policies and standards are followed when developing solution / service architectures.
- Ensure the annual review and revision of all programs, procedures and plan documents related to business continuity and incident management.
- Ensure compliance with all federal, state, county and local laws and regulations related to business continuity standards and guidelines.
- Identify training opportunities and development needs as necessary; plays an active role in the professional development of the IT community.
- Develop a formalized process which consistently reviews and updates the university’s information system planning, project management, project approach, standards, budgets, and Best Practices. Identify opportunities to improve productivity, communications, and effectiveness through use of new and existing information systems and technologies.
- Define and implement strategic plan for that coordinates central and distributed IT providers and resources that aligns with the current Auburn University Strategic Plan.
- Provide technology leadership and trusted advisor to members of executive and technology teams.

The **minimum qualifications** for consideration include a Bachelor’s degree from an accredited institution in Information Technology, Computer Science, Telecommunications, Information Systems, Educational Technology, Business, or a related field and ten years of experience in a senior level technology leadership role including project planning and execution, budgeting, security, communication, and service excellence. Knowledge of current and emerging technology principles and applications, computer system methodologies, security and compliance, fundamental IT architecture, and research technology. Candidates for this position must have experience successfully providing effective leadership and direction for teams of diverse individuals. This position requires strong interpersonal and communication skills along with demonstrated technical and managerial excellence. Candidates must have demonstrated expertise in budgeting, leading individuals and teams, and strategic planning.

**Desired qualifications** include a masters or PhD in an appropriate field, certifications in IT security and/or oversight, experience in research computing, classified networks and/or instructional technology and initiatives, and regulatory compliance experience.

While applications and nominations will be accepted until the position is filled, interested parties are highly encouraged to submit their materials to the address below by March 1, 2016 to ensure optimal consideration. For additional University information please see [www.auburn.edu](http://www.auburn.edu)

The candidate selected for this position must be able to meet eligibility requirements to work in the United States at the time appointment is scheduled to begin and continue working legally for the proposed term of employment.

**Search Committee-Chief Information Officer**

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