

## **Recruiting Narrative for the Academic Dean of SVOTS**

### **The Seminary**

The Board of Trustees of St Vladimir's Orthodox Theological Seminary has resolved to open the search for the vacant position of the Academic Dean of the Seminary.

St Vladimir's is a graduate theological school that is chartered by the Regents of the University of the State of New York. The Seminary's degree programs are registered by the New York State Education Department and accredited nationally by the Commission on Accrediting of the Association of Theological Schools in the United States and Canada. The Seminary serves Christ and his Church through education and scholarship by preparing future priests and church leaders, continuing the task of theological reflection and scholarship, and providing expertise and resources for the Church and the world.

From its establishment in 1938, St Vladimir's Seminary has been committed to maintaining the highest levels of theological scholarship and pastoral formation, to advancing a pan-Orthodox vision for the Church in this country, and to addressing the challenges of life in the contemporary world.

### **The Position**

The Academic Dean of the Seminary is the Chief Academic Officer, whose primary responsibilities are to lead and supervise the faculty and to oversee all academic activities of the Seminary, under the supervision of the President of the Seminary. The Academic Dean is appointed by the Board of Trustees and reports directly to the President of the Seminary.

Those considered for the position of Academic Dean will 1) be active participants in the sacramental life of the Eastern Orthodox Church, 2) possess the academic credentials necessary for appointment at the rank of Professor on the Seminary faculty, 3) possess demonstrated ability to manage academic faculty and promote their development and productivity, and 4) have the skills necessary to advance the academic mission and current programs of the Seminary as well as to develop new programs to meet the needs of the Church and the world in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. The Academic Dean works with the President, the Board of Trustees, faculty, staff, and students in continual support of the official mission of the Seminary:

*St Vladimir's Orthodox Theological Seminary serves Christ, his Church, and the world through Orthodox Christian theological education, research, and scholarship, and the promotion of inter-Orthodox cooperation. In this way, the Seminary prepares students for ministry as bishops, priests, deacons, lay leaders, and scholars so that they may build up Orthodox communities, foster Church growth through mission and evangelism, teach the Orthodox faith, and care for those in need.*

### **Experience and Personal Attributes**

The Seminary seeks applications from qualified respondents with the following experience and characteristics:

- Deep acquaintance and experience with the theological tradition of the Orthodox Church
- Willingness and ability to support productive relationships among the various Orthodox jurisdictions and the wider Christian sphere
- A desire to embody the values of the Seminary and the ability to express a compelling vision for its life and purpose
- The capacity to build effective relationships and cultivate a supportive and productive learning environment for faculty, staff, and students
- An established reputation for academic excellence

### **Application**

Information about St Vladimir's and its programs is available at [www.svots.edu](http://www.svots.edu). Qualified applicants should send a letter of interest addressing their background and experience as these relate to the position description to His Beatitude, The Most Blessed Tikhon, Orthodox Church in America, P.O. Box 675, Syosset, NY 11791-0675 or by email to [deansearch@oca.org](mailto:deansearch@oca.org) by January 31, 2018. Please include your statement of intent, Curriculum Vitae and three references. The Search Committee will request further documentation from candidates as necessary.

The review of applications will begin as they are received on an ongoing basis until the position is filled.