Michigan Technological University (Michigan Tech) invites nominations and applications for the position of President. Reporting directly to the Board of Trustees, the President exercises broad responsibilities for the STEM-focused academic, research, student, financial, and administrative dimensions of the institution. Michigan Tech seeks a dynamic, entrepreneurial, and transformative leader to work with the entire University community to advance its mission of creating a just, prosperous, and sustainable world.

Michigan Tech began as the Michigan Mining School in the town of Houghton in 1885. Established by the state of Michigan to train mining engineers to better operate the local copper mines, the School began its journey with four faculty members and 23 students on the second floor of the former Houghton Fire Hall.

Today, Michigan Tech is a public research university that is home to more than 7,000 students from 60 countries around the world. Michigan Tech’s rising national profile is highlighted by its $72.5 million in research expenditures, an exceptional track record in commercialization produced by distinguished faculty, and 19 major research centers where students can invent, design, code, create, and compete. The University offers more than 120 undergraduate and graduate degree programs in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM); forestry; business and economics; health professions; humanities; and social sciences.

The University’s beautiful 925-acre campus is located in Michigan’s Upper Peninsula overlooking the Keweenaw Waterway and just a few miles from Lake Superior. Safewise ranked Houghton and Michigan Tech 20th on its list of 50 Safest College Towns in America and BestColleges.com recognized Michigan Tech’s commitment to a high-quality and affordable education by ranking the University 18th in the country for return on investment. U.S. News & World Report ranks Michigan Tech 118th in the National Universities category and 56th in the Public Universities category. In Money magazine’s latest report on “Best Colleges for Your Money,” Michigan Tech ranked in the top 100 overall and in the top 50 among public universities.

**Position and Qualifications.** As the leader and chief executive officer of Michigan Tech, the President exercises broad responsibilities for all aspects of the institution, inspires and guides members of the campus community, and serves as its chief representative externally, championing Michigan Tech’s preeminence in STEM education. The next President will
demonstrate the imagination, courage, and capability to develop and advance an innovative vision, provide new ideas to move the institution forward, and leverage the unique qualities of Michigan Tech to sustain its position as a leading research institution with a focus on experiential learning. Due to the sensitive nature of some of Michigan Tech’s research projects, the next president must also qualify for top-secret security clearance.

The ideal candidate will have, among other qualities: outstanding leadership and team-building experience coupled with the ability to mentor current leadership at the institution; a demonstrated commitment to the student experience; an appreciation for the mission and distinctive qualities of Michigan Tech; the academic or equivalent background in teaching and scholarship to lead a doctoral-granting academic institution; the experience and skills to manage and guide a complex and dynamic STEM-focused university; superb communication skills; a strong record of aligning budgets with strategic goals, allocating resources effectively, and setting financial priorities; demonstrated experience in diversifying revenue streams, developing partnerships with industry, and enhancing philanthropic giving; the ability to advocate for Michigan Tech with political leaders at the state and national level and with community leadership; demonstrated ability to support and advance research initiatives; a commitment to innovation and creativity; a collaborative leadership approach at all levels; the ability to engage with the academic community; evidence of successful interactions with governing boards; a demonstrated record of enhancing and maintaining an atmosphere of transparency and collegiality; a record of achievement in and commitment to building and sustaining a diverse and inclusive environment; respect for faculty and staff ideas and decisions; and the ability to engender trust and support from the full University community. Additionally, the candidate of choice will have the highest integrity; be able to develop, communicate, and execute a clear vision; have the capacity to inspire others to elevate their contributions to Michigan Tech’s mission; and possess a balance of confidence and humility, optimism, passion, and approachability.

Information for Applicants. Review of candidates will begin immediately and continue until the position is filled. Application materials should include: a letter describing the candidate’s interest in and qualifications for the position in relation to the attributes described above and a curriculum vitae. The new president is expected to begin work on July 1, 2018. Additional information about the search may be found at www.mtu.edu/president-search.

All nominations and applications shall be confidential. Requests for information and all written nominations and applications should be directed to:

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