

University Administrator – Chief Athletics Officer (Director of Athletics)

Valdosta State University

FLSA Status: Exempt (Executive)

Job Type: Full Time

Posted: January 5, 2024

Application Due: Open Until Filled

Please Apply: <https://www.valdosta.edu/administration/finance-admin/human-resources/employment-opportunities.php>

Compensation: “up to \$147,285.20 and commensurate with experience”

Anticipated Start Date: June 15, 2024

Valdosta State University, a comprehensive university with an enrollment of more than 11,000 students, seeks a dynamic, innovative leader for its nationally prominent Division II athletics program. Located in Valdosta, Georgia, the University has established partnerships with local communities and industries to accomplish our most challenging goals, achieving our fullest potential as South Georgia’s higher education leader and flagship university. Valdosta is a metropolitan area that functions as the regional center for education, agriculture, healthcare, banking, business, and the arts in the region. An integral part of this community, Valdosta State possesses excellent opportunities for growth, academic advancement, and regional impact. The prospects for athletics are equally exciting. Valdosta State is a member of the highly competitive Gulf South Conference, with each program competing on a national level, including 8 national championships. At Valdosta State, intercollegiate athletics enjoys not only strong student, alumni, and community support, but also an administration committed to excellence in athletics as well as academics.

Valdosta State University seeks a Chief Athletics Officer who understands how to leverage the unique opportunities for growth and advancement at the university; fosters high standards of integrity, athletic excellence, and academic success; has strong management and fiscal skills; is able to develop excellent relationships with both internal and external constituents; and directs and hires coaches who are committed not only to winning but to the welfare of student athletes and to compliance with the rules.

Responsibilities: The Chief Athletics Officer is responsible for the development, management, coordination, and supervision of a competitive athletics program with 12 intercollegiate sports teams plus national championship cheerleading and dance teams, more than 50 coaches, and over 350 student athletes. The Chief Athletics Officer also (1) provides and implements visionary leadership, strategic planning and policy development for the athletics program; (2) maintains an athletics program that is committed to the university’s mission and strategic priorities; (3) works with the Valdosta State University’s Foundation office to raise funds for the athletic department; (4) administers the overall athletic budget; (5) recruits and manages the coaching staff; and (6) ensures compliance with all university, national association and conference policies, rules, regulations and procedures.

The Chief Athletics Officer reports directly to the President of Valdosta State University. This position also serves as a member of the President’s Administrative Cabinet.

Qualifications: The successful candidate demonstrates commitment to academic excellence and the ability to work effectively with many different constituencies. **Master’s degree in a specified field and ten years (10) years of progressive relevant experience or an equivalent combination of education and experience**

is required, preferably in a college or university setting and/or for a nonprofit organization which at least seven (7) years must have been in a supervisory role. Significant successful experience in the administration of intercollegiate athletics or comparable managerial experience is preferred. The individual should demonstrate integrity, drive, vision, and comprehensive communication skills.

Salary: “up to \$147,285.20 and commensurate with experience” and qualifications of the successful candidate.

Inquiries and applications may be submitted electronically in confidence.

SEARCH DETAILS:

Interested applicants should submit a letter of application, a resume, and the names and contact information for five professional references. Initial review of applications will begin February 5 and will continue until the position is filled. Finalists for the position will be expected to participate in an in-person interview that will include a campus presentation and a meeting with Foundation members and/or other supporters.