



## Director of International Programs

### **Classification: Exempt**

### **Position Description:**

ABC seeking its first Director of International Programs. This person will be an administrator with a teaching background (of 5-7 years) worthy of the equivalent, or in close proximity to tenure status. The candidate will have dynamic research, writing, public speaking, and teaching skills.

Responsible for facilitating the American Council on Education mentoring program for internationalizing higher education, the candidate will be the catalyst for transforming the culture of our campus toward more intellectually rich and global perspectives.

The capacity to create study abroad opportunities; help in the recruitment and retention of international students; administer and design new clusters of courses; advise on the hiring of global humanities/programs faculty and staff; make collaborative linkages with educational, non-profit, and government institutions; are some of the qualities we are looking for.

The Director of International Programs will be a scholar who has published in the fields of intellectual and social movement history and/or political thought. They should have experience teaching World History, African History, Caribbean History, and/or Africana Political Thought courses.

The candidate should have study abroad experience, and be familiar with both Africana Studies tradition of inquiry (having facility in African and Caribbean studies and familiar with teaching African American heritage learners), and the foreign language and area studies tradition. The candidate should also be broadly knowledgeable in other spheres of the world (Middle East, Latin America, Europe or Asia) with the capacity to make intellectual linkages to the African world.

The candidate will inform our students' growth in development studies and encourage their familiarity with professional opportunities and service-learning. An ecological sensibility, a concern with disaster management and relief, an ability to explain complex issues of race, gender and religion cross-culturally, and global political economy are also desired.



The candidate's office will grow into the Institute for International Studies on campus. The Institute will sponsor visiting lecturers, conferences, and maintain publications that inform the wider community of our growing scholarly and community engagement. The Institute will be a catalyst and advocate for the enriching of our evolving Humanities and Social Sciences division of academic programs.

This position will report to the Senior Vice President of Academic Affairs.

**Duties includes but not limited to:**

- Lead the internationalization lab through the American Council on Education.
- Teach appropriate courses related to internationalization.
- Work with faculty, staff, and students to create international based programming for the campus and surrounding community.
- Work with the director of admission to identify, cultivate, and create partnerships with countries to increase the international population at Arkansas Baptist College.
- Work with the academic Deans and Chairs to develop courses, professional development and service learning opportunities focused on internationalization for faculty and students
- All other duties required.

**Minimum Qualifications:**

Ph.D. in the social sciences, humanities, or appropriate field.

5-7 years of teaching experience.

Published or conducted research on international related topics.

**Preferred Qualifications:**

Travel abroad experiences.

Experience work at an Historically Black College or University.

Fluent in at least on foreign language.

Arkansas Baptist College is urban Historically Black College located in the historic Little Rock Central High District. It also neighbors the Wright Avenue District and the famous Paul Lawrence Dunbar Junior High School. The college is the only Baptist affiliated Historically Black College west of the Mississippi and has student population close to thousand from all across the United States. Founded in 1884 as the Minister Institute the colleges continues to be supported by the Consolidated Missionary Baptist Church. The mission of the college is to *“prepare students for a life of service grounded in academic scholarship, the liberal arts tradition, social responsibility, Christian development and preparation for employment in a global community.”*