

INVESTMENT CONSULTANT

University of Liberia
Monrovia, Liberia

Application Deadline: August 15, 2018

The **University of Liberia (UL)** is a publicly funded institution of higher learning located in Liberia. Authorized by an Act of Legislature in 1851, the school was established in 1862, opened in 1863 as **Liberia College** and became a university in 1951. UL is one of the oldest institutions of higher learning in West Africa and is accredited by the National Commission on Higher Education.

The University of Liberia has eight undergraduate colleges (includes an associate degree college), five professional programs (law, pharmacy, medicine, nursing & midwifery), five graduate programs (business & public administration, international relations, regional science, education administration, peace & conflict transformation studies) and three institutes (research institute, policy studies research, Confucius institute). There are approximately 18,000 students at UL's four campuses in and around the country's capital city, as well as its Straz-Sinje Campus (associate degree programs) in Grand Cape Mount County (western Liberia). The Montserrado County-based campuses are located on Capitol Hill in Central Monrovia (Law School, Business College & Graduate programs); in Congotown (A. M. Dogliotti Medical School and Pharmacy School); and in Fendall, Louisiana, the campus with the largest enrollment, situated on more than 5,800 acres of land off the Monrovia-Kakata Highway. Five of UL's eight undergraduate colleges excluding the Business College, are located at the Fendall Campus, 18 miles from Central Monrovia.

The UL administration envisions development of a University City at Fendall with a full range of facilities and services to cater to a projected 30,000+ students, plus faculty and staff, via public-private partnerships (PPP), and direct investments on a profit-sharing basis. UL's charter empowers it to lawfully utilize its assets to generate income from such investments to enhance its endowment, support the growth of the University, and improve the profile of its faculty and student body.

Investment opportunities under consideration include:

1. Faculty, Staff and Students Housing
2. Multi-purpose Sports Complex/Stadium and Fitness Center
3. Shopping Mall including Supermarket and Food Court
4. Health/Medical Facilities
5. Botanical and Zoological Conservation Park & Sanctuary
6. Early Childhood, Primary and Secondary Schools & Playgrounds
7. Performing Arts Theater/Center
8. Convocation Hall
9. Religious Complex
10. University Farm & Farmers' Market
11. Water Works
12. University Library
13. Printing Press
14. Museum of Natural History & Culture
15. Solar Farm
16. Cemetery

JOB DESCRIPTION

The Investment Consultant is a results-based position reporting, in consultation with the Vice President for Institutional Development and Planning (VPIDP), directly to the President of the University of Liberia. The Consultant will provide technical guidance and ongoing support to ensure holistic achievement of UL's objectives to develop a high-quality University City. In consultation with the members of the University's Development Committee through the VPIDP, the Consultant will devise and implement strategies to optimize every means lawfully permitted under UL's Charter to generate surplus resources to enhance its endowment while improving the quality of instruction, living environment and job opportunities for its students, faculty, and staff. The Consultant will be a proven leader who can work independently, and have the necessary entrepreneurial drive and technical expertise **to attract credible, financially and technically sound investment partners** both domestically and internationally to advance the above objectives.

Duties and Responsibilities:

- Refine the draft development plan of the University of Liberia to conform to present-day market conditions and opportunities, including agribusiness and green energy;
- Develop a strategy to practically sequence and include cost-benefit justifications of critical path investments required within the next 5-10 years;
- Coordinate feasibility studies for at least 5 critical path investment projects;
- Identify and engage sound strategic partners for PPPs or direct investment;
- Include job creation potential for students and staff in various projects developed;
- Identify, train, manage, and mentor a core group of University staff for organizational growth to implement the updated UL Development Plan;
- Maintain viable relationships with relevant local and foreign stakeholders, including financial institutions, investment funds and social investors.

Qualifications:

- Master's degree in business administration, finance and/or economics;
- At least 10 years of experience in investment banking, commercial banking, business development and project management;
- Extensive knowledge and practical expertise in business development services, project proposal writing, investment promotion, and local economic development;
- Proven ability to manage staff effectively and lead local team in a results-oriented organization;
- Ability to liaise effectively with a wide range of stakeholders, e.g., government officials, commercial banks, and international investors;
- Competency in organizational assessment and development with demonstrated track-record of building and sustaining successful organizations;
- Excellent writing and verbal communications skills in English;
- High level of computer literacy, especially Microsoft Office, and Internet skills;
- Integrity and professional discretion.

Start Date: September 2018

Compensation: Basic consultancy fee commensurate with experience, plus a performance-based commission.

How to Apply: Please email letter of application and detailed CV with compensation requirements by August 15, 2018 to: garmaimwilson@gmail.com. The position will remain opened until filled. No telephone inquires, please. Only short-listed applicants will be contacted.