

NORTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY
Center for NGO Leadership and Development: Director

Northern Illinois University anticipates hiring an entrepreneurial individual to become the first Director of the Center for NGO Leadership and Development (NGOLD), pending budgetary approval. The Center for NGO Leadership & Development is one of NIU's strategic planning initiatives, a new interdisciplinary unit that involves multiple departments and colleges. A primary responsibility of the director is providing leadership and teaching in a new undergraduate major in Community Leadership & Civic Engagement (CLCE). The director must be able to lead diverse faculty, staff, and students associated with NGOLD to achieve its mission of integrating undergraduate and graduate curricula and conducting scholarly research relevant to domestic and international settings. A primary goal of the center is engagement, outreach, and consulting, particularly with some of the 9,000 NGOs in the Chicago area. More information may be found at www.mpa.niu.edu/pub_ad/faculty_staff/Thurmaier.shtml.

This position requires a Ph.D. and a research record appropriate for appointment as a full or associate professor with tenure; the field of scholarship is open. Additional requirements include at least 5 years of experience in domestic or international NGOs, including some combination of research, teaching, consulting, or managerial experience and a record of obtaining external funding for NGO-related activities and programming.

The ideal candidate will also possess experience in public service leadership and/or experiential learning. The normal teaching load for the director is 1 course per semester, which will include undergraduate, masters (MA and MPA), and doctoral courses. The ideal candidate will begin January 2010 and be able to matriculate the first undergraduates in the new CLCE major in the fall 2010 term.

The main NIU campus is located in DeKalb, Illinois, a welcoming community 60 miles west of Chicago. NIU enrolls more than 22,000 domestic and international students, including over 6,400 graduate students, and offers instruction in DeKalb, Hoffman Estates, Rockford and Naperville to serve the metropolitan Chicago region.

Applicants must submit a letter of application, CV, and contact information for three references. These required materials may be submitted electronically or by US mail; supplemental materials should be submitted by US mail. Review of complete applications will begin on October 12, 2009, but the search will remain open until the appointment is made. Send applications to: Professor Kurt Thurmaier, Division of Public Administration, Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, IL 60115, or kthur@niu.edu. Northern Illinois University is an AA/EEO institution that strongly encourages applications from women and minority candidates.