Function & Scope:

Reporting to the President of the Research Foundation, the incumbent will track Federal Legislative and Congressional Hearings for Federal Legislative policy with potential impact on the State University of New York, its campus faculty and students. In addition the incumbent will assist with a variety of initiatives that recognize faculty and that help bring resources to the University.

Duties:

Responsible for researching and marshalling campuses toward federal appropriations from both agencies and discretionary funding streams critical in expanding SUNY’s sponsored programs.

Work with managers and other experts to provide information to various groups, including, executives, managers, and staff at SUNY campuses, federal and state legislative leaders and their staffs and the general public. This involves:

- Responsible for monitoring Federal Executive Branch and Congressional Legislative activity for potential impact on the SUNY system, its campuses, administrators, faculty and students.
- Seek to raise funds that can be used to provide seed grants to young SUNY faculty researchers. (The Promising Investigator Program)
- Seek to bring SUNY community college presidents in contact with leaders of the comparable “further education schools” in the UK to benefit from one another’s knowledge and insight about higher education. (US British community college initiative)
- Seek to encourage faculty and SUNY student affairs officials to increase the number of SUNY students receiving prestigious Marshall Scholarships (which finance young Americans of high ability to study for a degree in the United Kingdom).
- Daily monitoring of legislative activity in the nation’s capital to include: bill introduction, congressional legislation and oversight hearings. Executive Branch legislative input (in all forms) and the floor activity of both Houses of the U.S. Congress.
• Utilize a series of reporting services to remain abreast of the latest breaking news and long-term developing trends.

• Work with management staff to appropriately disseminate this material to the SUNY System Campuses through the Presidents and Chief Governmental Affairs Officers.

• Monitor the activity of higher education advocacy groups and member organizations relative to Congressional and Executive Branch Legislation activity and ensure that a broad-cross section of higher education community points of advocacy or legislative dissent are widely disseminated to State University leaders.

• May meet with external audiences to present material on behalf of Foundation Relations.

Education/Experience:

Bachelor’s degree in an appropriate field or 5 years equivalent progressively more complex managerial experience.

Excellent written and verbal communication skills.

Experience in legislative tracking, executive agency monitory and liaison and appropriations advocacy.

Able to work in complex environment and manage multiple priorities.

Commitment to working in a team-oriented environment.

Ability and willingness to travel.

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