

OF RHODE ISLAND

Division of Institutional Equity and Human Resources

POSITION DESCRIPTION

TITLE Major Gifts Officer

POSITION NO. 504010 LOCATION Lincoln

REPORTS TO **Development Director**

PSA 14 GRADE

WORK SCHEDULE Non-Standard: 35 hours per week

REVISION DATE March 2024

JOB SUMMARY:

Within the context of a centrally coordinated development program engaged in a comprehensive capital campaign, pro-actively manage and solicit major donors and major donor prospects for the stated purposes of the campaign.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Manage a broad-based, College wide portfolio of major donor prospects, major donors and solicit through personal contacts.
- Match donor interests to identified College funding priorities.
- Participate in prospect identification and research using resources available including the Division information system, PIN data file and other related sources of information.
- Recruit major donor volunteers and provide appropriate training; provide staff support to major donor volunteers and volunteer committees.
- Write letters of gift acknowledgment and actively steward major donors; coordinate with the donor relations and stewardship program.
- Provide information that will effectively promote the accomplishments of fund-raising to prospective donors, donors, the College community and the public at large.
- Prepare quantifiable annual goals and objectives and be responsible for their successful completion.
- Assess quarterly progress on stated goals and objectives; prepare monthly progress reports and provide reports to the associate vice president and others as might be required periodically including colleagues, volunteer leaders and volunteer committees.
- Coordinate planning, communications, prospect calls and solicitations with all other College fund-raising activities.
- Develop effective working relationships with the College administration, faculty, staff, development colleagues, volunteers, major donor prospects and major donors.
- Integrate annual giving, planned giving, corporation and foundation giving into major gift work; make dual solicitations and refer prospects to each of these program areas.
- Actively and consistently engage the vice president for college advancement; associate vice president for development and other College leaders as appropriate in the identification, cultivation, solicitation and stewardship of major donor prospects.
- Participate in regularly scheduled development staff meetings.
- As required, perform additional duties when assigned which may include, but not be limited to, soliciting major annual gifts and managing a college-based portfolio of prospects.

LICENSES, TOOLS, AND EQUIPMENT:

ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS:

This position is not substantially exposed to adverse environmental conditions.

REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS:

- Bachelor's degree; minimum of three years of experience in higher education, other educational, non-profit fundraising, or individual/customer account sales
- Proven verbal and written communications skills
- Ability to work well with senior level staff, major donors, major donor prospects, volunteers and volunteer committees

- Demonstrated ability to handle a variety of tasks simultaneously.
- Must be personable, proactive, and able to work in a collaborative environment.
- Must be able to organize, coordinate and supervise support staff, and be able to interpret institutional policies, plans, objectives, rules and regulations, and to communicate the interpretation to others.

PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS:

• Major gift and capital campaign experience.

All requirements are subject to possible modification to reasonably accommodate individuals with disabilities.