

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

HIGHER EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

ADVERTISEMENT INVITING APPLICATIONS FROM ELIGIBLE AND WILLING CANDIDATES FOR THE POST OF VICE-CHANCELLORS OF TWO UNIVERSITIES IN WEST BENGAL

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1. In terms of the directions issued by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India on 08.07.2024 in Special Leave Petition (Civil) No.17403 of 2023, applications were invited from the interested candidates for recommending names for consideration as Vice-Chancellors of 36 State aided Universities in West Bengal. In the process undertaken thereafter, the concerned Search-cum-Selection Committees have unanimously recommended three names in alphabetical order with respect to 34 out of 36 Universities. However, with respect to West Bengal University of Health Sciences and Rabindra Bharati University, the concerned Search-cum-Selection Committees have recommended that fresh process be undertaken after giving wide publicity in major cities of the country.

2. This advertisement is therefore issued for inviting applications from eminent academicians for being considered for appointment to the posts of Vice-Chancellors of the aforesaid two Universities. Those who had applied earlier for these Universities need not apply afresh and their existing applications shall be considered along with fresh applications.

3. **West Bengal University of Health Sciences** is a University having control over all Medical, Dental, Ayurvedic, Unani, Homeopathic and other Para-Medical Colleges in the State. There are about 300 colleges imparting education in these disciplines which are affiliated to this University. The age of retirement for the post of Vice Chancellor is 65 years.

4. **Rabindra Bharati University** was established by the State of West Bengal to commemorate the birth centenary of Gurudev Rabindranath Tagore. The University was established to impart teaching in subjects touching upon the area of activity of Gurudev and also to impart education in subjects such as History, Economics, Political Science, Fine arts, visual arts etc. The age of retirement for the post of Vice-Chancellor is 70 years.

5. Paragraph 7.3 of the UGC Regulation dated 18.7.2018 on **Minimum qualifications for appointment of Teachers and other Academic Staff in Universities and Colleges and measures for the maintenance of standards in Higher Education, 2018** is quoted here for the attention of all concerned.

VICE-CHANCELLOR:

i. *A person possessing the highest level of competence, integrity, morals and institutional commitment is to be appointed as Vice-Chancellor. The person to be appointed as a Vice-Chancellor should be a distinguished academician, with a minimum of ten years of experience as a Professor in a University or ten years of experience in a reputed research and/ or academic administrative organization with proof of having demonstrated academic leadership.*

ii. *The selection for the post of Vice-Chancellor should be through proper identification by a Panel of 3-5 persons by a Search-cum-Selection Committee, through a public notification or nomination or a talent search process or a combination thereof. The members of such Search-cum-Selection Committee shall be persons' of eminence in the sphere of higher education and shall not be connected in any manner with the University concerned or its colleges. While preparing the panel, the Search-cum-Selection Committee shall give proper weightage to the academic excellence, exposure to the higher education system in the country and abroad, and adequate experience in academic and administrative governance, to be given in writing along with the panel to be submitted to the Visitor/Chancellor....."*

6. In terms of relevant regulations of the University Grants Commission a candidate possessing the highest level of competence, integrity, morals and institutional commitment is eligible to apply, provided:

i) The Applicant is a distinguished academician, with a minimum of 10 years of experience as a Professor in a University.

OR

ii) The Applicant has ten years of experience in a reputed research and/ or academic administrative organization with proof of having demonstrated academic leadership.

iii) An application should be sent on plain paper, with a detailed Curriculum Vitae (CV) [in 7 sets], in a sealed envelope, with address above written on it. The name of the University for which the application is submitted with written in bold letters on both the envelope and the application. If an Applicant chooses to apply for more than one University, applications [and CV] for each case will be submitted separately in separate envelopes. The Applicants shall also mention their mail id and contact phone numbers on the body of the application and on the first page of the CV.

iv) The Applicant in his CV shall enclose age proof certificate and testimonials that he has completed 10 years of service as Professor in a University and/ or testimonials that he possesses ten years' of experience in a reputed research and/or academic administrative organization with proof of having demonstrated academic leadership.

v) Every applicant is advised to see the relevant statutes and regulation of the University he/ she is preferring the application for.

7. The Applicant shall send the application and the accompanying documents addressed to the Hon'ble Chairperson of the Search-cum-Selection Committees so as to reach **on or before 15.12.2024** at the office of Smt. Chandani Tudu, IAS, Senior Special Secretary, Higher Education Department, Room No.618, 6th Floor, Bikash Bhavan, Salt Lake, Kolkata-700091 and ex-officio Honorary Secretary to the Search-cum-Selection Committees, constituted in compliance of the Hon'ble Supreme Court Order dated 08.07.2024.

8. The Applicant shall additionally upload the digital copies of the application and the accompanying documents to the following email id – highereducationwbgoat@gmail.com.

9. It is clarified that even if the physical copy is received after the date prescribed but the application was received in digital form by the date prescribed, the application shall be treated as valid and proper.

(Issued under the Order of the Hon'ble Chairperson of the Search-cum-Selection Committees constituted by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India)