



**SENIOR COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR
BOARD OF REGENTS
STATE OF IOWA**

The Board of Regents, State of Iowa, governing body for the University of Iowa, Iowa State University, the University of Northern Iowa, Iowa School for the Deaf, and the Iowa Braille and Sight Saving School, seeks highly qualified candidates for the position of Senior Communications Director.

The Senior Communications Director will plan and direct comprehensive efforts to identify and earn news media coverage related to the policies and priorities of the Board of Regents. The successful candidate must have excellent written and verbal communication skills. Duties will include preparing news releases and press briefings for the meetings of the Board of Regents and other high-priority events; developing messaging for high-profile, high-risk and high-opportunity stories; and cultivating relationships with reporters, editors and producers.

The position will require the successful candidate to establish productive and trusting relationships with key communication personnel at the three public universities, prepare Board leadership for media interviews, scan the internal and external environments to identify emerging risks and opportunities, and develop communication strategies accordingly.

Position requires a minimum of an undergraduate degree in communications or related field and at least five years of experience. Master's degree in communications or relevant field is preferred. Experience in higher education and strategic communications is highly desirable. Considerable knowledge of the media landscape nationally and in Iowa as well as the role of the Board of Regents is required. Salary is commensurate with experience. The position will be located in Urbandale and reports directly to the Executive Director, Board of Regents.

Submit resume and contact information for three references to Marcia Brunson, Policy and Operations Officer, Board of Regents, State of Iowa, 11260 Aurora, Urbandale, IA 50322 or by email to mbruns@iastate.edu. Review of resumes will begin immediately; position will remain open until filled.

The Board of Regents is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Women and Minorities are encouraged to apply.