

Morris College, located at 100 W College Street in Sumter, South Carolina, was founded in 1908 by the Baptist Educational and Missionary Convention of South Carolina to provide educational opportunities for Negro students in response to the historical denial of access to the existing educational system. Today, under the continued ownership of its founding body, the College opens its doors to a culturally and geographically diverse student body, typically from the Southeast and Northeast regions. Morris College is an accredited, four-year, coeducational, residential, liberal arts and career-focused institution awarding baccalaureate degrees in the arts and sciences and in career-based professional fields.

Thousands of young people who might never have been able to pursue college academic programs have looked to Morris College, which has maintained a traditional policy of admitting those who have the potential to do college work. We are committed to helping every student realize his or her potential through individual attention, and our modest cost combined with a strong program of financial aid to offer exciting opportunities for personal advancement. Our diverse program of student activities combined with the college's traditional Christian environment help our students to become mature individuals.

Accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) to award baccalaureate degrees, the mission of Morris College is to produce graduates who can pursue useful and productive careers and in so doing enhance their own lives and the society in which they take their places. That mission is being successfully implemented by the thousands of Morris College graduates throughout the nation who are continually making significant contributions.

The College serves the needs of its students, alumni and community.

It serves its students by

- Providing sound liberal arts and career-based programs with a particular emphasis on teacher education.
- Providing an intensive program for mastering basic social, thinking, listening, speaking, reading, writing, mathematical, technological, and leadership skills.
- Providing services and programs to assist in their academic, social, professional, and personal development.
- Promoting an ethical and religious environment which complements the student's total development.

It serves its alumni by

- Promoting a relationship that is mutually beneficial to the alumni and the institution.

It serves its community by

- Providing continuing education and services to clergy and laity.
- Promoting the growth and development of the larger community through public service programs.
- Providing research services and facilities in the solution of academic and community problems.

Morris College is a student-centered institution which seeks to fulfill this mission by

- Evaluating the academic performance of students to ensure competence in communication, problem solving, critical thinking, and the use of information technology.

- Emphasizing a broad understanding of the liberal arts and sciences.
- Emphasizing specific professional and technical skills necessary to meet societal demands.
- Emphasizing total development of the student for responsible citizenship in a global society.

This student-centered commitment embraces the College's motto, "Enter to Learn; Depart to Serve."

Morris College, is seeking a visionary president (earned doctorate preferred). This person must be a visionary leader, strategic thinker, and a driven fundraiser who can inspire excellence in others, as well as lead a life of impeccable integrity. The successful candidate will bring stellar administrative experiences, strong character, and a commitment to the ideals of liberal arts education in the context of the needs of contemporary society. The president must have at least five (5) years of progressive leadership and supervisory experience in diverse settings. Successful candidates will have a strong commitment to the needs of minority populations and to the Baptist traditions of the college. The president must be knowledgeable of the requirements of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges.

Morris College holds membership in the Council of Independent Colleges, the Association of Governing Boards of Universities and Colleges, the American Council on Education, the American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education, the National Association for Equal Opportunity in Higher Education, the South Carolina Independent Colleges and Universities, and the College Fund/UNCF.

Interested persons are encouraged to submit materials (including a cover letter, resumé or curriculum vitae, and the names and contact information of at least five (5) professional references. The Board of Trustees will receive and review applications beginning in May 2017. Applications should be mailed to:

Morris College
Presidential Search Committee
Post Office Box 1647
Sumter, South Carolina 29151

The deadline for receipt of applications is August 31, 2017. For more information, visit the college's website at www.morris.edu/presidentialsearch.