Position Title

Director of the Academy of Catholic Thought and Imagination

Position Summary

The Academy of Catholic Thought and Imagination (ACTI) is a community of scholars who work in dialogue with the Catholic intellectual tradition by developing, critically examining, communicating, or otherwise engaging the rich resources of Catholic thought and imagination, especially as it is informed by Jesuit thought tradition and Ignatian spirituality. The director will oversee all aspects of the Academy which serves as a hub for scholarship, interdisciplinary research, innovative pedagogy, and creative outreach across LMU’s campus, in the greater Los Angeles community, and beyond. The Academy is a strategic priority at Loyola Marymount University and the director reports directly to the provost.

Position Specific Responsibility/Accountabilities

The director of Academy of Catholic Thought and Imagination is expected to:

1. Demonstrate the ability to dialogue broadly about faith to engage the University in meaningful discussions about the Catholic Intellectual Tradition and Catholic Imagination as well as the local, national, and global communities.

2. Develop their own program of scholarship or creative work which is in dialogue with Catholic Thought and Imagination. Such dialogue may take diverse forms.

3. Oversee budget and the management of all Academy activities including faculty fellows, student researchers, lectures, workshops, collaborative events and donor relations.

4. Work with existing centers to create, develop, and coordinate programming to further the identity and ideals of Loyola Marymount’s Jesuit and Catholic mission.

5. Host major annual interdisciplinary event that engages the campus and broader community and furthers conversations about Catholic Thought and Imagination.

6. Represent the Academy at internal and external events, including some fundraising, and exhibit advanced communication skills with both academic and non-academic audiences.

7. Foster an environment of collegiality, support, and mutual trust.
8. Support the leadership team by hiring for mission, providing timely and direct feedback, creating opportunity for personal and professional development/ growth, providing incentives for high performance, and ensuring success.

**Loyola Marymount University Expectations**

Model behavior that supports the mission, vision, and values of the University. Communicate and employ interpersonal actions that models high standards of professional, responsible, accountable, and ethical conduct.

**Requisite Qualifications**

This position requires a combination of skills, education and experience to perform the responsibilities described, with a minimum of the following:

- PhD or equivalent degree and eligibility for a tenured appointment in the department of candidate’s discipline

- Strong record of publication in their field

- Demonstrated commitment to engaging and dialoguing with the Catholic Intellectual and Imagination Tradition

- Ability to articulate Catholic tradition, values, and perspectives in the context of a university environment

- Ability to lead diverse work groups with complex challenges and opportunities

**Application**

Application deadline is January 31, 2014. Complete Applications include:

1. a letter of interest with preliminary statement on the vision of the academy
2. a curriculum vitae
3. three confidential letters of recommendation
   - if submitting a recommendation letter electronically, it must be in .pdf form and signed by recommender
   - if submitting a recommendation letter in hard copy, send to Joe LaBrie, re: Recommendation Letter, 1 LMU Drive, Suite 4844, Los Angeles, CA 90045

Interested candidates should apply through the HR website - [http://lmu.edu/hr/](http://lmu.edu/hr/)

*The above statements are intended to describe the general nature and level of work being performed. They are not intended to be construed as an exhaustive list of all responsibilities, duties and skills required of position.*