The Ohio State University
Executive Director of The Kirwan Institute for the Study of Race and Ethnicity

The Ohio State University, a top 20 public research land-grant university and the state’s flagship, invites nominations and applications for the position of Executive Director (ED) of the Kirwan Institute for the Study of Race and Ethnicity. Established in 2003, The Kirwan Institute is an interdisciplinary engaged research institute named for former university president William E. “Brit” Kirwan in recognition of his efforts to champion diversity at Ohio State. The mission of the Kirwan Institute is to create a just and inclusive society where all people and communities have an opportunity to succeed. The Institute’s goal is to connect individuals and communities with opportunities needed for thriving by educating the public, building the capacity of allied social justice organizations, and investing in efforts that support equity and inclusion.

Reporting to the Office of Academic Affairs, through the Vice Provost for Strategic Planning and Implementation, the Executive Director is responsible for leading the Kirwan Institute’s education, research, and outreach missions. As a scholar leader, the ED is expected to develop a compelling vision and strategic plan for the Institute; maintain Kirwan’s reputation as a leading voice for equity and justice both nationally and locally; build relationships and create new opportunities for Ohio State faculty to collaborate and engage in research and scholarship aligned with Kirwan’s mission; and maximize current revenue streams and attract new philanthropic support.

This is a tremendous opportunity for an active scholar of race and ethnicity to build upon the Kirwan Institute’s strong foundation and national reputation. The ED will bring a commitment to interdisciplinary engaged research and an instinct for institutional collaboration. The next ED will be a distinguished with the talent and inclination for setting a strategy and managing a professional staff and budget.

The Ohio State University has retained Isaacson, Miller to assist in this important search. All inquiries, nominations, and applications should be directed in confidence to

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