AFFIRMATIVE ACTION POLICY

Kansas State University has a longstanding policy of non-discrimination in matters of employment. Our Affirmative Action Plan constitutes a serious commitment of the University to the continuing implementation of that policy.

The policy of Kansas State University is to assure equal opportunity to qualified individuals regardless of their race, color, ethnic or national origin, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, religion, age, ancestry, disability, genetic information, military status, or veteran status, and to promote the full realization of equal employment opportunity for minorities and women through a comprehensive affirmative action program. In addition, the University will assure equal opportunity for persons with disabilities, disabled veterans, and Vietnam Era veterans regarding positions for which they are qualified.

The affirmative action policy covers all aspects of the employment relationship - including recruitment, hiring, assignment of duties, promotion, tenure, compensation, selection for training, and termination. The policy applies to all units and governs employment of all employees, including student employees, of Kansas State University.

Diversity has a value to be weighed in the hiring process. It is not enough for us to say that we will not discriminate. It is our legal and moral obligation to take positive action to insure the full realization of equal opportunity for all who work or seek to work for Kansas State University. We must make special efforts to identify promising minority persons and women for positions in all areas and at all levels in which these groups are unrepresented or under represented relative to their availability. Then, we must base our selections on the candidates’ qualifications to carry out the responsibilities of the positions and the University’s affirmative action goals.

The administration of the University is committed to and reaffirms its support of the principle of equal employment opportunity and charges each unit within the University to conduct its recruitment and employment practices in conformity with this principle and in accordance with the Affirmative Action Plan. Responsibility for monitoring the implementation of this policy is delegated to the Office of Affirmative Action, 214 Anderson Hall.

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