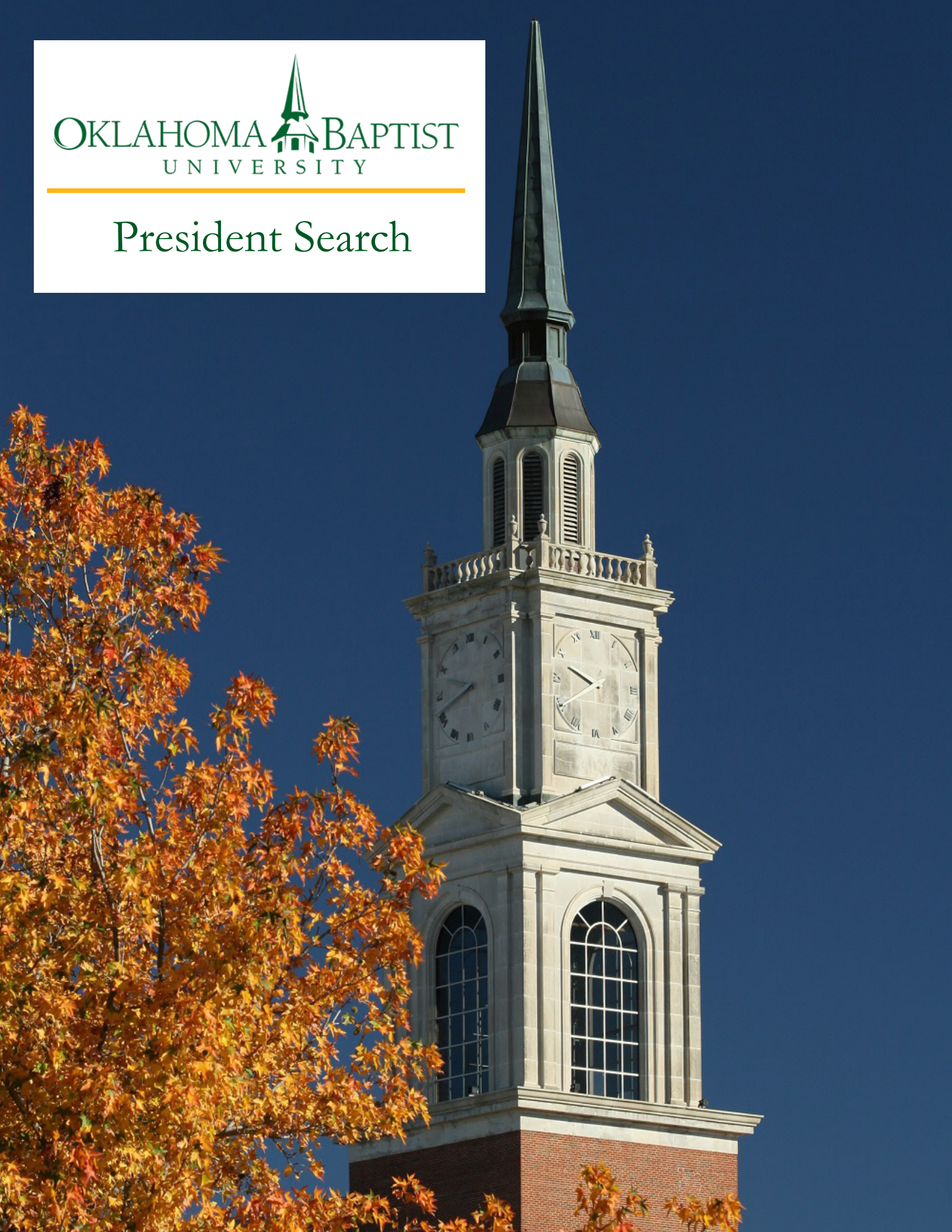




President Search





Oklahoma Baptist University is a Christian liberal arts university located in Shawnee, Oklahoma, 30 minutes east of Oklahoma City. Offering 10 bachelor's degrees in 88 areas of study, five master's degrees, and eight certificate programs, students learn how all knowledge connects and how that framework can be informed by a thoughtful Christian worldview. All of this occurs in a supportive, Christian community; one that's dedicated to the highest intellectual and ethical standards.

History

In 1906, the State Baptist Convention, in session in Shawnee, appointed a commission to make plans for the founding of a Baptist university. In 1907, a board of trustees was elected; and on February 9, 1910, the incorporation certificate for the Baptist University of Oklahoma was issued and a new university was born. The school's Board of Trustees then signed an agreement with the City of Shawnee for 60 acres of land northwest of the town. The Kickapoo site, as the campus location became known, was deeded to the University by the Development Company of Shawnee. The first student body included men and women who were in college and others in preparatory school. At the close of the 1911-12 school year, nine students received degrees. Remarkably, included in the first student body were three men who later served as United States Senators: Josh Lee and Robert S. Kerr of Oklahoma and Huey P. Long of Louisiana. After remarkable growth and significant accomplishments, the University celebrated its centennial in 2010.

Mission

As a Christian liberal arts university, OBU transforms lives by equipping students to pursue academic excellence, integrate faith with all areas of knowledge, engage a diverse world, and live worthy of the high calling of God in Christ.

Click [here](#) to view OBU's Purpose Statement and Educational Goals.

Core Values



Christ Centered

Jesus Christ is the center of all things, and as such is the ultimate goal of an OBU liberal arts education.



Community Directed

OBU strives to create and nurture a university community where persons relate to one another in Christian charity and compassion.



Excellence Driven

Because the Lord cares about OBU's work, the University strives to be motivated in humility to excellence in all things for the glory of God.



Learning Focused

OBU seeks to promote the virtue of a life of learning and to fulfill the Great Commandment.



Missional Purposed

As a Christian liberal arts university, OBU exists to transform lives for missional purpose in global engagement.



Academics

Oklahoma Baptist University's liberal arts education challenges students to question and think -- habits of mind critical to the development of their future careers and to the formation of a truly mature Christian faith. By studying different subjects through a Christian lens, students develop strong analytical skills, hone writing and speaking and become adept at adapting to new and diverse situations. Opportunities for Study Abroad and an Honors Program also enhance the academic experience offered in these Colleges:

[College of Business](#)

[College of Fine Arts](#)

[College of Graduate and Professional Studies](#)

[College of Humanities and Social Sciences](#)

[College of Nursing](#)

[College of Science and Mathematics](#)

[College of Theology and Ministry](#)





Student Life

OBU faculty, staff and students are extraordinarily friendly and supportive. This is a culture that works and plays very hard. [Spiritual Life](#) is at the core of the OBU experience, offering a rich spiritual development program which includes Chapel, Bible Studies, and mission trips. Students also have the opportunity to participate in more than 60 student organizations and 20 intramural sports. Click [here](#) to learn more about Student Life at OBU.

Athletics

The Oklahoma Baptist University Athletic Department is committed to developing Christ-like character among its student-athletes and to encourage them to develop their God-given athletic abilities to their maximum potential. The varsity athletic program, offering 21 sports, has won 33 National Championships in the NAIA and NCCAA. OBU joined NCAA Division II in 2017.

MEN'S SPORTS

Baseball
Basketball
Cross Country
Football
Golf
Soccer
Swimming and Diving
Tennis
Track and Field

WOMEN'S SPORTS

Basketball
Cross Country
Golf
Lacrosse
Soccer
Softball
Swimming and Diving
Tennis
Track and Field
Volleyball
Cheerleading
Pom
Stunt



this is  OBU

RANKINGS

In the State



Oklahoma colleges named to America's Best Colleges by Forbes.com



Oklahoma colleges named a Best College in the West by The Princeton Review

In the Region



Best Regional Colleges in the West by U.S. News & World Report



Best Undergraduate Teaching by U.S. News & World Report

In the Nation

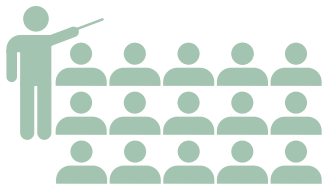


Student Engagement by The Wall Street Journal



Christian College of Distinction
—
College of Distinction

STUDENT BODY



15:1

Student-to-Faculty Ratio

23.4

Average ACT

20

Average Class Size

2,011

students from 38 states and 40 other countries (FALL 2018)

OTHER HIGHLIGHTS



OBU Business graduates have scored in the

TOP 10%

in the nation on major field exams



80+

areas of academic study for undergraduates



98%

placement reported by graduates within six months of graduation.

#1

There are more OBU graduates serving as active field missionaries within the International Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention than graduates from any other university.



OBU is ranked

5th

Most Beautiful Christian College Campus in the West by Christian Universities Online.



The Opportunity

Oklahoma Baptist University is seeking a president who will join the contingent of faithful leaders who have gone before while bringing an exciting vision of the future to this remarkable university. This new executive leader will shape the future of Christian higher education by bringing new energy and ideas to OBU's second century of operation, while at the same time remaining faithful to its founders' vision of a great university preparing students to change the world, to serve Christ and His church, and to serve with distinction in their fields of expertise. This new president needs to be committed to the Great Commission and to the Great Commandment and see OBU as an expression of those mandates. He or she needs to value the Christian liberal arts tradition and be committed to maintaining OBU as a nationally recognized institution with high academic standards and a high degree of student engagement.

The president will be expected to provide leadership to strategic planning around these ongoing OBU Initiatives:

- Enhance Academic Services, Programs, and Support
- Expand Student Scholarships
- Advance Student Services
- Strengthen Marketing and Enrollment Management
- Enrich the Quality of Life for Employees
- Reinforce Faculty Development
- Improve University Relations



Desired Characteristics

Oklahoma Baptist University seeks a president who...

- Focuses on mission and brings a sense of calling to Christian liberal arts higher education,
- Is visionary and thinks strategically about the future,
- Is an entrepreneurial innovator, a catalyst for change,
- Articulates the case for and the distinctives of Christian higher education,
- Relates and connects to a wide variety of audiences both internally and externally,
- Leads in a transparent, authentic, and genuine way,
- Builds trust through high integrity, respect, and accountability,
- Is self-aware and confident,
- Functions with tact, diplomacy, and professionalism,
- Is personable and compassionate,
- Is positive and hopeful,
- Embraces the role of president with energy and enthusiasm,
- Recognizes the value of diversity at every level of the institution,
- Values athletes and the athletics programs,
- Engages with the residential campus with clear communication and visible presence,
- Empowers people to do their jobs with an outcomes-oriented approach,
- Promotes a culture of collaboration by breaking down the barriers to synergistic operations,
- Is fiscally responsible, bringing business acumen with an understanding of financial forecasting and predictive modeling,
- Upholds the integration of faith and learning across the curriculum,
- Is a curious, life-long learner.

Qualifications

The ideal candidate will...

- Demonstrate a vibrant faith with a broad evangelical outlook as an active member of a Southern Baptist church – unapologetically Christian, unashamedly Baptist.
- Have an affinity for Oklahoma (Midwest) culture and a willingness to embrace it.
- Bring a proven track record of success in higher education administration with experience in leading a team.
- Understand the current issues facing higher education.
- Possess well-developed speaking and presentation skills.
- Be a systems thinker seeing the interconnectedness of the larger enterprise.
- Value learning and the Christian liberal arts tradition.
- Have productive fundraising experience with a desire to fully participate in advancement efforts.
- Demonstrate intercultural competencies and global awareness.
- Hold a terminal degree or have substantial professional experience in lieu of this requirement.



Applications and Nominations

This search remains open until a new president is appointed. Applications, nominations, and expressions of interest will be handled with complete confidentiality and should be submitted directly to OBUpresident@carterbaldwin.com. Inquiries and questions concerning this search may be directed to:



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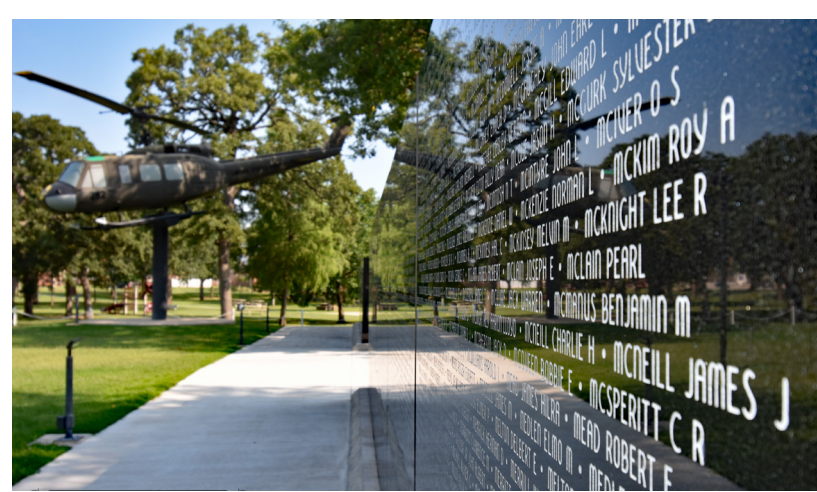
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Shawnee, Oklahoma

Shawnee, Oklahoma is a growing regional city of over 31,000, offering small town charm with numerous micropolitan amenities. The city boasts many career opportunities with high-tech Fortune 500 and international corporations while also offering low taxes, low cost of living, and a relaxed way of life. Located just 30 minutes from downtown Oklahoma City and with close proximity to Tinker Air Force Base, Shawnee offers comfortable small town living with big city amenities.

Founded after the Civil War, the town was named by and for the Native American tribes who called the area home. These tribes include the Absentee Shawnee, Sac and Fox, Kickapoo, and Potawatomi Nation; all of whom are still headquartered in the region today. Shawnee and the surrounding areas have frequently been a center of industrial development by companies such as Shawnee Milling, Georg Fischer, Eaton, Jindal Films, Wolverine Tube; fueling economic growth and expansion over the years.

While businesses are finding their way to Shawnee, the town also prides itself on its rich history offering a great number of historical buildings, museums, and attractions including the Citizen Potawatomi Nation Cultural Heritage Center, Aerospace Career Museum, Mabee Gerrer Museum of Art, and the Shawnee Veterans Memorial to name a few. As the community continues to flourish, Shawnee boasts newly upgraded medical facilities, excellent and affordable housing options, and quality public schools.