Kansas State University
Executive Director/Lead Career Coach Position Announcement

The Kansas State University College of Business Administration is seeking an individual with significant experience in private sector employee recruiting and human resources to fill the position of Lead Career Coach. The Lead Career Coach will be responsible for benchmarking best-in-class programs nationally and recruiting a team of discipline-specific coaches to establish a world class career preparation center for students.

Responsibilities Include:

Program Development and Administration
- Benchmark best-in-class career preparation processes nationally. Work in cooperation with other university and college programs to develop a strategic plan for a world-class career preparation center for students, execute this plan and provide for meaningful metrics for success.
- Work together with Professional Advantage staff, faculty and potential employers to provide student professional development experiences throughout the college career that will increase student career preparedness, including making presentations inside and outside of classes.
- Establish an infrastructure that works in tandem with Professional Advantage to provide students with individualized coaching on career exploration and selection and industry specific preparation related to resumes, writing, skill development, and interviewing to assure students have skill levels consistent with their chosen profession.
- Hire and manage staff for the program, including other coaches and office professionals.
- Support the recruitment process for new students to highlight the benefits of early career preparation for student success by organizing summer experiences for high school students.

Employer Relations
- In cooperation with other university and college partners, develop and maintain relationships with a wide variety of organizations for the purpose of connecting students with potential internships and full time positions. This includes visiting organizations to assess their needs and implementing effective development of student skills and preparation.
- Organize an advisory group of national business recruiting leaders to provide guidance for career support.

Required Qualifications:
- Bachelor’s Degree
- 7 years of progressive career experience in private sector employee recruiting, human resources, or related areas
- Experience managing a team of professionals
- Experience interacting with a variety of businesses and an understanding of their employment needs
- Excellent interpersonal skills for interacting with both professionals and students
- Ability and willingness to travel for the purpose of developing relationships with employers
- Ability and willingness to work non-traditional work hours (evenings and weekends) when necessary

Preferred Qualifications:
- Master’s Degree
- 10 years of progressive career experience in private sector employee recruiting, human resources, or related areas
- Experience working in a placement, recruitment or training setting with college-aged students.
- Experience engaging diverse populations.

Salary: Commensurate with experience and qualifications. Will be competitive with private sector salary standards.

Benefits: http://www.k-state.edu/hr/current-employees/benefits/summary.html

The University and College of Business Administration:
Kansas State University is a state-supported institution of more than 24,000 students. The University is recognized for the quality of its academic programs and for consistently producing winners of top national scholarships. The 668-acre main campus is located in beautiful Manhattan, Kansas, a community nestled in the Flint Hills of Northeast Kansas. The
College of Business Administration is one of 10 Colleges on the main campus, with an enrollment of 2,675 undergraduate and graduate students. The 61 full-time faculty members are spread across four academic departments: Accounting, Finance, Management, and Marketing. The College is accredited by AACSB at the bachelors and masters level in both business administration and accounting.

The College has a well-established student support system with a professional academic advising staff including a director, six academic advisors and three support staff. The Professional Advantage and Executive Mentor programs, staffed by four professionals, interact with alumni and employers to provide employer-led student development seminars and to match students with executive mentors with seven or more years of experience. A University-wide Career and Employment Services organization provides a single point of contact for employers across the university for job posting, matching employers and students, and on-campus interviews.

Kansas State University is located in Manhattan, KS in the rolling Flint Hills approximately 100 miles west of Kansas City. Manhattan has a population of 52,000 residents. The surrounding area offers excellent opportunities for outdoor activities such as camping, boating, hunting, fishing, hiking and biking. Mostly as a result of the university’s influence, cultural and sporting events are at a level of frequency and quality rare in cities of this size. Further, Manhattan offers affordable housing, extremely strong elementary, middle, and high school programs, and a crime rate one-half the national average. In short, Manhattan offers a variety of urban amenities yet retains the best qualities of a small university town. For more information, visit our Web site at: http://www.cba.ksu.edu

**Appointment:** This is a 12 month, renewable, full-time regular appointment, reporting to the Associate Dean for Academic Programs, Dr. Stacy Kovar. This is not a tenure-eligible position.

**Employment Policy:** Kansas State University is an Equal Opportunity Employer of individuals with disabilities and protected veterans. Background check required. Kansas State University actively seeks diversity among its employees.

**Application:** Submit letter of interest, resume, and three professional references as one .pdf file via e-mail to Ms. Olivia Law-DelRosso, olivia@ksu.edu. Please put “Career Coach Application” in the subject of the message.

Screening of applications begins April 13, 2015 and continues until the position is filled.

**Questions regarding this position should be directed to:**
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