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ANNOUNCEMENT

January 16, 2026

THE UNIVERSITY OF GUAM SOLICITS APPLICATIONS TO ESTABLISH A LIST OF ELIGIBLES FOR THE FOLLOWING POSITION (SUBJECT TO THE AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS):

#033-26 GENERAL COUNSEL

Location:

University Information:

Office of the President

The University of Guam is the premier institution of higher education in the Western Pacific. It is a land-grant, a sea-grant, and a space-grant institution, accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges Senior Commission. Located in the village of Mangilao on the island of Guam, the campus overlooks the beautiful Pago Bay and the University's world-class Marine Laboratory and Water and Environmental Research Institute of the Western Pacific. The University has 3,400 students, 47% of Asian ethnicity and 45% of Pacific Islander ancestry, providing a uniquely diverse campus and multicultural atmosphere. As a regional, comprehensive, open-admissions institution, the University awards degrees at the certificate, baccalaureate, and master's levels through its two colleges and four professional schools. The University also offers a professional doctorate degree in Instructional and Academic Leadership (its first-ever online doctoral program) through the School of Education. The institution's mission of Ina (to Enlighten), Diskubre (to Discover), Setbe (to Service) serve as the foundation for the institution's Tulos Mo'na strategic plan, with its vision to transform lives and advance communities as a land-grant, a sea-grant, and a space-grant university. One of the university's key strategic initiatives is to be recognized as a research university centered in Island Wisdom. Island Wisdom acknowledges that Pacific ways of knowing and Western models of higher education are central to the institution's teaching, research, and service endeavors, and that balanced consideration of the ideas that emerge from them is essential to the prosperity and sustainability of island communities. Through its robust research portfolio fueled by extramural funding from competitive grants and contracts, the University delivers public value through dedicated and capable administration, faculty, students, and staff. As a complement to the research carried out at the institution, the University of Guam has an active press dedicated to publishing research and writing about Guam and Micronesia. A variety of publishing opportunities are available to UOG faculty, employees, students, and members of the communities we serve through the University of Guam Press. UOG is a safe and secure campus, where the institution places paramount importance on the physical, intellectual, emotion, and spiritual wellbeing of its students and employees. It fosters open dialogue and collegiality based upon mutual respect for diverse perspectives. The university has enacted processes to ensure the physical safety of the campus (most recent information may be accessed at <https://www.uog.edu/safety-security/>) and a policy that encourages open dialogue and respect for all points of view. Community responsive academic programs, robust research agenda, ample publishing opportunities, and commitment to community make the University of Guam an exciting place to be for many years to come.

General Description:

The University of Guam seeks an executive who is interested in new challenges and opportunities for professional and personal growth and who is interested in working in a dynamic, multi-cultural institution of higher education in the Pacific.

The General Counsel serves as the chief legal officer of the University whose primary function is to advise the President and other officers on a wide range of legal matters having legal significance to the management and operation of the University. The General Counsel will be responsible for reviewing and drafting legal documents, monitoring relevant federal and local statutes, administrative regulations and court decisions. The General Counsel reports directly to the President.

Character of Duties:

Primary duties and responsibilities shall include, but not be limited to the following:

- To advise the President and other officers on a wide range of legal matters having legal significance to the management and operation of the University;
- To represent the University before courts and administrative tribunals;
- To assist in the conduct of internal University administrative processes;
- To participate in guiding strategy for University labor negotiations and relations with collective bargaining representatives;
- To monitor and oversee the activities of outside counsel, as may be required;
- To review and draft contracts and University policies;
- To monitor and advise on legal obligations and compliance with the myriad of federal and local laws affecting higher education;
- To monitor legislative bills impacting education and the University;
- To represent the University when dealing with vendors, citizens' groups and other entities having legal business with the University;
- To proactively reduce litigation and the risk of liability by preventing or minimizing legal risks in the daily business of the University; and
- Perform other duties as assigned.

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Minimum Knowledge, Skills and Abilities:

- Knowledge of local and federal labor and employment laws as it relates to higher education;
- Familiarity with higher education issues;
- Familiarity with local and federal government structure and processes;
- Knowledge of personal computer applications and on-line legal research;
- Knowledge of contract law;
- Ability to analyze situations, develop solutions and provide leadership and direction;
- Skill in written and interpersonal communication; and
- Ability to work independently and within administrative and/or court-ordered timelines.

Qualifications:

Minimum:

- Juris Doctorate degree
- Five (5) or more years experience in the practice of law;
- Knowledge of Guam law and policies; and
- License to practice law on Guam by the Supreme Court of Guam or ability to achieve licensure consistent with Guam law regarding the temporary admission of government attorneys.

Preferred:

- Demonstrated experience in state agency and/or higher education issues;
- Experience with federal and/or local procurement;
- Knowledge of personnel matters including faculty relations, university governance, and collective bargaining;
- Familiarity with budgets and strategic plannings; and
- Familiarity with alternative dispute resolution methods.

Salary Level:

\$122,400 - \$183,600 per annum

Appointment/Relocation:

The position is a full-time (12 month) academic administrative appointment and requires the hired applicant to relocate to Guam and work on campus. The University provides relocation assistance to new employees if hired off-island on a three-year initial contract. Provided are travel expenses for the applicant and the applicant's spouse (as defined by Guam Law) and children under the age of 18 by the least expensive and most direct air route from the point of hire and for moving household goods to Guam by the least expensive carrier up to 3,500 pounds for a family and 1,750 pounds for an applicant without dependents. Insurance of household goods, if desired, is at the employee's expense.

Benefits:

Fringe benefits include a medical and dental plan, life insurance, cafeteria plan (flexible tax benefit plan), annual leave, sick leave, and the Government of Guam retirement plan.

Application Process:

Applicants for University of Guam administrator positions must complete an online job application through the UOG online employment portal at <https://uog.peopleadmin.com>. Please have the following documents prepared and ready to upload with your application:

- (1) Letter of application that describes candidate's qualifications
- (2) Curriculum vitae
- (3) Copies of all graduate and undergraduate transcripts
- (4) Two (2) Writing Samples

Special Instructions for References: Three (3) current letters of recommendation from persons knowledgeable about your academic and professional performance must be provided by providing a list of at least three (3) references to be contacted on the References section of the online application. Enter each reference by clicking on the "Add References Entry" button. Provide the name, title, email address, mailing address, and telephone number of each reference. A system automated email will be sent to each reference's email address with a link to attach their reference letter to your application.

Selected candidate must provide official transcripts prior to hire date. For further information, please contact Ms. Marlena Pangelinan, Search Committee Chair, marlenap@triton.uog.edu or the Human Resources Office at uoghro@triton.uog.edu, telephone number, (671) 735-2350 or fax number at (671) 734-6005.

Police and Court Clearance: Pursuant to Public Law No. 28-24 and Executive Order 2005-34, applicants selected for a position are required to provide original police and court (Superior Court of Guam) clearances of no more than three (3) months old prior to commencement of employment. Off-island applicants must obtain clearances from their place of residence. Applicants are responsible for fees associated with obtaining the clearances.

Application Deadline:

Application will be received no later than February 6, 2026 (Chamorro Standard Time/UTC+10).

(Note to applicants in the mainland United States: Please be advised that Guam is a day ahead of the mainland United States.)

For further information about the University of Guam, visit our Web Site at <http://www.uog.edu>. General information about Guam is available at <http://www.visitguam.com>. For local newspapers, The Pacific Daily News is available at <http://www.guampdn.com> and The Guam Daily Post is available at <http://www.postguam.com>.

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Work Eligibility:

Submission of completed job applications authorizes the University of Guam to seek and obtain information regarding the applicant's suitability for employment. All factors which are job related may be investigated (i.e., previous employment, educational credentials, and criminal records). All information obtained may be used to determine the applicant's eligibility for employment in accordance with equal employment opportunity guidelines. In addition, the applicant releases previous employers and job related sources from legal liability for the information provided.

Should an applicant be convicted of any crimes other than a minor traffic violation, all applicable information must be provided in the form of a police clearance report and court clearance report. Failure to admit any felony convictions may result in immediate disqualification or disciplinary action.

Section 25103, Chapter 25, Title 10 of the Guam Code Annotated requires college or university employees to undergo a physical examination, to include a test for tuberculosis (skin or x-ray), prior to employment and at least annually thereafter. A report of such examination must be conducted by a licensed physician within a state or territory of the United States and must be submitted upon request.

Federal law requires presentation of eligibility to work in the United States within seventy-two (72) hours of reporting for employment. Specifically, 8 USC 1324A requires the employer to verify the identity and eligibility to work in the United States of all newly hired employees. The University of Guam is required to comply with this law on a non-discriminatory basis. If you are hired to fill a position with the University of Guam, you will be required to present valid documents to comply with this law.

Due to budgetary constraints, UOG is not able to pay the additional application cost of \$100,000 as required by the U.S. Presidential Proclamation for any applicants that will require an H1B Visa to legally work at UOG.

The University of Guam is an equal opportunity employer and provider.

The University of Guam complies with Public Law 24-109 in reference to the provisions and requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act. Assistance in EEO/ADA matters and inquiries concerning the application of Title IX and its implementing regulations may be referred to the University's Director, EEO and Title IX/ADA Coordinator, located at the EEO/ADA and Title IX Office, Dorm II, Iya Hami Hall, Room 106, Telephone No. (671) 735-2244; TTY (671) 735-2243; or to the Office of Civil Rights (OCR).



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