EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR THE FRIENDS OF IOLANI PALACE

Honolulu, Hawaii

History is fascinating in significant part due to its relevancy to the present. Combine that with the beauty and grandeur of a royal palace located at the most significant historic site in Hawaii and you will have the opportunity of a lifetime.

About the Palace

Iolani Palace is the former official royal residence for the Hawaiian Kingdom. King Kalakaua, the first reigning monarch in history to travel around the world, completed the Palace in 1882 to enhance the prestige of Hawaii overseas and mark the Kingdom's status as a modern country and a full-fledged member of the "Family of Nations."

About the Organization

The Friends of Iolani Palace ("The Friends"), founded in 1966 as a tax-exempt 501c3 organization, continues to restore and operate Iolani Palace as one of the major cultural sites on the island of Oahu. The Friends develops educational programming (such as tours in eight languages) and activities to sustain its mission of sharing the proud history of the Hawaiian monarchy with the world. The Palace received accreditation by the American Alliance of Museums in 2014, joining only four other museums in Hawaii with this prestigious designation.

About the Position

In its next Executive Director, The Friends is looking for someone eager to expand his or her horizons and embrace learning as a daily occurrence. The Friends also believes that the following skills would be most helpful:

- Applying the appropriate balance of solid financial management with interpersonal skills;
- Tactful and diplomatic in controversial situations;
- Aptitude for discerning multiple layered human networks in a tight-knit community;
- Passion for Hawaiian history and culture;
- Vision for a successful learning environment in which art, culture, history, technology, and their relationships to contemporary issues can be appreciated and explored;
- Strong supporter of professional development for staff;
- Well versed in cultural competency; and
- Experience in raising funds (through development or grant-writing).

About the Location in Honolulu

Iolani Palace sits at the center of an 11-acre state park in Downtown Honolulu and surrounded by other architecturally significant buildings including Aliiolani Hale (Hawaii State Supreme Court), Honolulu Hale (City & County of Honolulu), the State Capitol, Hawaii State Library, Hawaii State Art Museum, Kawaiahao Church and the YWCA. Within the 11-acre park, the Palace Complex includes the Iolani Barracks, the Kanaina Building, the Coronation Pavilion, and the Hawaii State Archives.

HOW TO APPLY

Please apply online by submitting your cover letter and resume in either Word or pdf to execsearch@iolanipalace.org

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