



**AFFIRMATIVE ACTION &**  
**EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY**  
**PLAN**

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### **SECTION 3. DISSEMINATION OF POLICY**

#### **A. Internal Dissemination**

Antioch University will continue to make its affirmative action and equal employment opportunity policy known internally by:

1. Posting a policy statement on appropriate locations at each campus. See Appendix 1.
2. Including the policy in The Antioch University's policy manual.
3. Conducting meetings with executive, management, and supervisory personnel to explain the intent of the policy, the Board's and Chancellor's commitment, and individual responsibilities for effective implementation.
4. Picturing both minority and non-minority men and women in any publications in which employees are featured.
5. Making current employees aware of the existence of the Affirmative Action Program.

#### **B. External Dissemination**

Antioch University will make its policy known externally by:

1. Incorporating the Affirmative Action/Equal Employment Opportunity (AA/EEO) Policy in the University's website(s).
2. Informing all recruiting sources in writing of The Antioch University policy, stipulating that the sources actively recruit and refer women and minorities for all positions for which they refer applicants.
3. Showing both minority and non-minority men and women if employees are pictured in help-wanted or other advertising.
4. Including a legend in all solicitations and job advertising that Antioch University is "An Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer. It is the policy of the University not to discriminate against and to provide equal employment opportunity to all qualified persons without regard to race, color, national origin, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, age, disability, and veteran status."
5. Copies of this Affirmative Action/ Equal Employment Opportunity Plan shall be made available to any interested person upon request to the Affirmative

Action/Equal Employment Opportunity Officer (“AA/EEO Officer”) at each facility.

#### **SECTION 4. COMPLIANCE WITH ANTI-DISCRIMINATION LAWS**

AU recognizes its obligation to comply with the provisions of the Equal Opportunity Employment Act of 1972 (P.L. 92-261), amending Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. § 2000e *et seq.*); Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (20 U.S.C. § 1681 *et seq.*); Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. § 2000d *et seq.*); the Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967, as amended (29 U.S.C. § 623 *et seq.*); the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended (42 U.S.C. § 6101 *et seq.*); Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (29 U.S.C. § 794 *et seq.*); the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, as amended (42 U.S.C. § 1201 *et seq.*); and all applicable state laws that prohibit discrimination and harassment in employment.

#### **SECTION 5. AFFIRMATIVE ACTION AND OUTREACH**

Positions which will be filled internally by transfer or promotion are posted or announced only internally. Other positions shall be posted internally and also posted externally through the local newspaper, and any other promising recruiting sources compatible with EEO. As part of the University’s efforts to identify qualified minority and women applicants, it will take the following Affirmative Actions and outreach.

- A. The AA/EEO Officer must be consulted and give approval prior to the commencement of recruitment for any new position or for any replacement. He/she is responsible for contacting the selecting department to carefully review the job specifications before posting, to ensure that they are congruent with the written position description on file and are otherwise job related. He/she shall make sure that the opening is properly posted in accordance with AA/EEO policies.
- B. All position descriptions shall be reviewed periodically, with changes made where necessary, to accurately reflect current job duties. Position descriptions establish job-related and non-discriminatory requirements. The University does not have written position descriptions for some positions, there being no legal requirement to do so. However, when recruiting for a vacancy, the position specifications for that job and that particular vacancy shall be thoroughly reviewed to ensure that they are accurate, job-related, and non-discriminatory.
- C. There shall be no job titles that could be perceived as evidencing a preference for one gender or another.
- D. Copies of all job postings shall be mailed to those local organizations identified as providing placement and job counseling services for minorities and women. Such organizations shall be encouraged to refer qualified women and minority applicants. Copies of such notices shall be maintained with the job posting file.

- E. Advertise in help wanted sections of minority and women's interest media.
- F. The University will include minority and female members of the work force in any recruiting brochures which pictorially present work situations.

**SECTION 6. DESIGNATION OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR COMPLIANCE**

The Controller or CFO of each campus is the Affirmative Action/Equal Employment Opportunity Officer ("AA/EEO Officer") for that campus. The Vice Chancellor of Finance/CFO shall be the AA/EEO Officer for all other University offices and programs including, but not limited to, the central administration offices, the PhD in Leadership and Change, Antioch Education Abroad (AEA) and WYSO. He/she is an executive level official of the University and, among other responsibilities, has been assigned responsibility for the implementation of equal employment opportunity and the affirmative action programs. He/she has the authority and the resources to ensure effective implementation. He/she reports to and has access to and the support of top management. He/she is accountable for compliance with all equal employment opportunity laws and policies, and all University policies, procedures and practices with respect to affirmative recruitment, non-discriminatory selection, record-keeping, and reporting on compliance activities to the President or Chancellor.

In discharging these responsibilities, the AA/EEO Officer relies on the assistance as well as the resources of the University central office. He/she ensures, for example:

1. That there is posting of employment opportunities in accordance with University policy.
2. That there is maintained on such campus or other offices an updated list of organizations serving minorities, women and veterans with whom outreach services will be coordinated.
3. That there is recruitment, including affirmative outreach as appropriate, of potential applicants without regard to race, color, national origin, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, age, disability, veteran status, or any other protected classification.
4. That managers and supervisors understand they are responsible for and will be held accountable for making all employment decisions in accordance with University policy and without regard to unlawful factors.
5. That the University uses only job related criteria for selection for hire, promotion, transfer, training, compensation and all other employment opportunities
6. That there is identification of potential problem areas or investigation and response to potential problem areas identified by employees
7. That there is technical compliance; for example, the proper display of EEO posters and University EEO policy statements
8. That facilities that the University maintains for the use and benefit of its employees are, in fact, desegregated, both in policy and in use, and that facilities such as rest rooms are comparable for both sexes

9. That all employees, including minority and female employees, are encouraged to participate in all University-sponsored educational, training, recreational, and social activities.
10. That the University prohibits and prevents harassment of employees on account of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, age, disability, veteran status, or any other protected classification.

## **SECTION 7. NON-HARASSMENT AND NON-RETALIATION**

AU expects employees to maintain a work environment in which people are treated with dignity, decency, and respect. As such, AU prohibits employees from engaging in any form of racial, religious, or sexual harassment, or any harassment based upon an individual's membership or perceived membership, in a legally protected classification. This policy supplements all other University policies that address non-discrimination, non-harassment, and other unprofessional conduct.

**Employees and applicants can raise concerns and make reports under this policy without fear of reprisal or retaliation.**

## **SECTION 8. DISCRIMINATION COMPLAINT PROCEDURE**

If you believe that you have been harassed or treated unfairly based on your membership in a legally protected classification in violation of this policy, you have the right to file a complaint with the AA/EEO Officer at your facility. This process is an internal procedure that is separate from your rights to file complaints with any state or federal agency.

All allegations of discrimination and/or harassment will be investigated in as confidential a manner as is compatible with a thorough investigation. The AA/EEO Officer will determine the appropriate course of action with respect to the complaint(s) received, including, in appropriate cases, a full investigation of the complaint.

Antioch University's Affirmative Action and Equal Employment Opportunity Plan does not constitute an express or implied contract between Antioch University and its employees, job applicants, or other persons.
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