

Affirmative Action Policy

Effective May 1, 2017

Responsible Executive:

Vice President for Business & Finance

Responsible Office:

Office of Human Resources

St. Mary's College of Maryland is fully committed to the principles of equal employment opportunity and affirmative action. St. Mary's College of Maryland does not discriminate or condone discrimination or harassment in the workplace on the basis of sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, race, color, religious creed, national origin, ethnicity, physical or mental disability, protected veteran status, or any other characteristic protected by law. All policies, programs and activities of the College are and shall be in conformity with all pertinent federal and State laws on non-discrimination including, but not limited to: Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 as amended, Title IX of 1972 Education Amendments, Section 503 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Vietnam Era Veterans' Readjustment Assistance Act of 1974, and Executive Order 11246.

The College's Affirmative Action policy (AAP) applies to any employment practices, including recruitment, advertising, job application procedures, hiring, upgrading, training, promotion, transfer, compensation, job assignments, benefits, and/or other terms, conditions, or privileges of employment, provided the individual is qualified, with or without reasonable accommodations, to perform the essential functions of the job. The College will continue to ensure that individuals are employed, and that employees are treated during employment, without regard to their sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, race, color, religious creed, national origin, ethnicity, physical or mental disability, protected veteran status, or any other characteristic protected by law in all employment practices as follows:

Employment decisions at the College are based on legitimate job-related criteria. All personnel actions or programs that affect qualified individuals, such as employment, upgrading, demotion, transfer, recruitment, advertising, termination, rate of pay or other forms of compensation, and selection for training, are made without discrimination because of any basis protected by law. Employees may choose to voluntarily disclose their sex, race, national origin, ethnicity, disability and protected veteran status at any time by contacting Human Resources. Such information will be maintained in a confidential manner and will not be used against an individual when making any employment decisions. Employees and applicants with disabilities and disabled veterans are encouraged to inform Human Resources if they need a reasonable accommodation to perform a job for which they are otherwise qualified. The College makes, and will continue to make, reasonable accommodations to the known physical or mental limitations of an otherwise qualified applicant or employee to promote the employment of qualified individuals with disabilities and disabled veterans, unless such accommodations would impose an undue hardship on the operations of the College's business.

The Assistant HR Director serves as Affirmative Action and Equal Opportunity Employment Officer for the College, with responsibility for implementation of the College's affirmative action activities. The Affirmative Action and Equal Opportunity Employment Officer has the full support of top management and the staff necessary to fully implement this Program. All managers and supervisors will take an active part in the College's AAP to ensure all qualified employees and prospective employees are considered and treated in a nondiscriminatory manner with respect to all employment decisions. Furthermore, St.

Mary's College of Maryland will solicit the cooperation and support of all employees for the College's Affirmative Action Policy.

The College's Affirmative Action programs include an audit and reporting system, which, among other things, uses metrics and other information to measure the effectiveness of our Programs. The Affirmative Action Officer has been assigned responsibility for periodically reviewing progress in the compliance and implementation of the policy of affirmative action. In accordance with public law, the College's program of affirmative action for qualified individuals with disabilities and the program of affirmative action for protected veterans are available for inspection in the Human Resources Department, Monday through Friday, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. upon request.

Employees and applicants shall not be subjected to harassment, intimidation or any type of retaliation because they have (1) filed a complaint; (2) assisted or participated in an investigation, compliance review, hearing or any other activity related to the administration of any federal, state or local law requiring equal employment opportunity; (3) opposed any act or practice made unlawful by any federal, state or local law requiring equal opportunity; or (4) exercised any other legal right protected by federal, state or local law requiring equal opportunity.

Members of the College community are encouraged to contact the Assistant Director of Human Resources/AA and EEO Officer, in person at:

Office of Human Resources, Glendening Hall; by phone at: (240) 895-4309 with any questions or concerns about these matters.