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## ABOR Selects R. William Funk & Associates to Assist with UA Presidential Search

(Phoenix, Ariz.) – The Arizona Board of Regents has selected [R. William Funk & Associates](#) to assist with the University of Arizona (UA) Presidential Search. The board of regents has previously announced UA President Ann Weaver Hart’s decision not to seek an extension to her current contract as President of the University of Arizona.

R. William Funk & Associates is an executive search firm specializing in higher education executive recruitment. The firm, located in Dallas, Texas, has conducted more than 400 searches for university and college presidents and chancellors over the last 35 years.

Founder and President [R. William \(Bill\) Funk](#) will be the firm’s lead on this search. Mr. Funk’s firm has successfully recruited more presidents to AAU land-grant universities than any other firm, and has experience recruiting leaders to universities with major health science and medical centers. As part of the firm’s commitment to the UA Presidential Search, Funk & Associates has confirmed that no other search of this type is being conducted at the firm at this time.

“I am pleased to announce the selection of R. William Funk & Associates as the consultant to support the board as it selects the next president of the University of Arizona. The university is an incredible asset to our state. I have the utmost confidence in Mr. Funk and his firm’s abilities to find the best leader for this exceptional university. He is committed to taking into account the needs of the university, the faculty and the community, as well as the thoughts and wishes of those who hold the university and its students close to their hearts,” said Eileen Klein, Arizona Board of Regents president. “I look forward to working with the Mr. Funk in the search.”

Prior to founding his own firm 10 years ago, Mr. Funk was the National Practice Leader of the Education Practice and Office Managing Director of the Dallas Office for Korn/Ferry International for 14 years. He received his Master of Science degree in industrial relations from Purdue University and his Master of Arts degree in government from Ohio University.

“On behalf of Funk & Associates, I am honored to have been chosen to conduct the search for the next president of the University of Arizona,” said Mr. Funk. “As your consultant, our firm will adhere to the highest standards of professional ethics, procedures and practices regarding the search, with a commitment to diversity and excellence.”

In the coming weeks, the board will select and announce its Search Advisory Committee members, approve and publish search guidelines and publish a leadership profile. The board anticipates a new president will be selected and in place by next summer. For more information on the search, visit the [UA Presidential Search](#) page on the board’s website.

About the University of Arizona:

*The [University of Arizona](#) is among the nation's top research universities and Arizona's super land-grant university with two medical schools. UA produces graduates who are real-world ready, through its 100 percent engagement initiative. Recognized as a global leader for the employability of its graduates, UA is also a leader in research, bringing more than \$580 million in research investment each year, ranking 19 among all public universities. UA is advancing the frontiers of interdisciplinary scholarship and entrepreneurial partnerships, and is a member of the Association of American Universities, the 62 leading public and private research universities. It benefits the state with an estimated economic impact of \$8.3 billion annually.*

About the Arizona Board of Regents:

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