

Dear Candidate,

Thank you for your interest in employment opportunities at Illinois State University. Illinois State University, founded in 1857, is the oldest public university in Illinois. Illinois State is a coeducational, residential university that emphasizes undergraduate study with almost 21,000 students. Currently, the University offers 72 undergraduate programs, 42 master's programs, 10 doctoral programs, a Specialist in School Psychology and 8 graduate level certificates. Illinois State University (www.IllinoisState.edu) is committed to fostering a small-college atmosphere with large-university opportunities and promoting the highest academic standards in teaching, scholarship, and community service. Illinois State University has been named a "Great College to Work For" by *The Chronicle of Higher Education*.

Illinois State University is located in the growing twin cities of Bloomington and Normal, with a population of approximately 125,000 and conveniently located approximately two hours from both Chicago and St. Louis. The community is home to GROWMARK, Illinois Farm Bureau, State Farm Insurance International Headquarters, Illinois Wesleyan University, Lincoln College, and Heartland Community College. The community has distinguished itself for its outstanding school systems and educational attainment, parks and recreation, health care, job growth, economic opportunity, and low crime. In 2016, *Huffington Post* named Bloomington one of the "11 Amazing Cities You've Never Thought To Live In, But Should." Bloomington was also recently placed on *Livability.com*'s list of 100 Best Places to Live. Please visit the Bloomington-Normal Area Convention & Visitors Bureau website at www.bloomingtonnormalcvb.org for more information. In addition, you may find the following websites helpful:

- Illinois State University – www.IllinoisState.edu
- Bloomington-Normal Area Convention & Visitors Bureau – www.visitbn.org
- City of Bloomington – www.cityblm.org
- Town of Normal – www.normal.org
- The Pantagraph (local newspaper) – www.pantagraph.com
- Images of McLean County Magazine – www.imagesmclean.com
- Bloomington-Normal Website Guide – <http://bn66.com/web/guide.html>
- Child Care Collaboration with ISU, IWU, and Advocate BroMenn – www.rogys.com
- Child Care Resource and Referral Network – <http://www.ccrn.com>
- Area Schools – [District 87](#), [Unit 5](#), [University High School](#), [Thomas Metcalf School](#), [Cavalry Christian Academy](#), [Central Catholic High School](#), [CornerStone Christian Academy](#), [Epiphany Catholic School](#), [Holy Trinity Catholic School](#), [St. Mary's Catholic Elementary School](#), [Mulberry School](#), [Trinity Lutheran School](#)

If you are an individual with a disability and need a reasonable accommodation under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) or other state or federal law, you may request an accommodation by contacting the Office of Equal Opportunity and Access at (309) 438-3383 or visit <http://equalopportunity.illinoisstate.edu/ada/>.

We hope you will find this information beneficial and that you enjoy your visit to Illinois State University and our community!