

2019 INTERNATIONAL ACAC EXECUTIVE BOARD APPLICATION

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Title: International Recruitment Officer

Member Type: College/University

Institution: University College Roosevelt

Location: Netherlands



Position for which you are applying:

Vice President for Professional Development

PUBLIC BALLOT INFORMATION

Provide information regarding your professional roles:

For the last 6 years I have been working at University College Roosevelt, a small Liberal Arts and Science college in the Netherlands. I am in charge of both national and international recruitment for the college and since October 2018 I am managing the Recruitment and Communication Office. This team of four is responsible for a variety of tasks, including recruitment, marketing, communication and event planning.

Provide information regarding your International ACAC, NACAC, and/or other international education organizational experience.

I have been a member of IACAC since 2014, NACAC since 2017 and CIS since 2014. During those years I have been involved primarily by hosting sessions. However, in 2018 I have joined the IACAC PD Committee and I am currently cooperating (as Faculty Chair) on the European Regional Institute with an amazing team of wonder women.

Please provide a maximum 250-word statement of your experiences, why you wish to run for the International ACAC Board, and other relevant information you would like members to know about you.

Fresh out of my Master, I was unsure about my next step. By coincidence I ended up working for my alma mater, where I became responsible for its recruitment. In this role I joined a group of enthusiastic Dutch University representatives. Advised by a colleague, I attended my first IACAC conference in 2015. A whole new world opened right before my eyes. Since then, I have been able to attend more conferences and take a more active role within IACAC as well as within our Dutch Consortium. The aim was always to share knowledge, be it through sessions, webinars or the establishment of a Counselor Tour in the Netherlands. The take-away was always a growing network of friends and new ideas to try in my own work. It is precisely this story that now pushes me to put myself forward for the role of VP for Professional Development. I was lucky enough to have a group of colleagues who could teach me a lot about the field. Yet, in a world where guidance and admissions is often a task taken on as an extra task, many of our colleagues are not as lucky. By diversifying the membership and tailoring the PD offering, IACAC may be able to that supportive role. This means expanding regional and online PD offerings. It means offering PD that might be regarded as basic to those who studied education. And most importantly, it means offering PD from the bottom-up: by the membership, for the membership.