

(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

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:

The Arizona Board of Regents is committed to ensuring access for qualified residents of Arizona to undergraduate and graduate instruction; promoting the discovery, application, and dissemination of new knowledge; extending the benefits of university activities to Arizona's citizens outside the university; and maximizing the benefits derived from the state's investment in education. For more information, visit