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Higher Education Job Openings and Employment Surge in 2010

STATE COLLEGE, Pa., February 15 -- Advertisements for job openings in higher education surged 44.4 percent in 2010 compared to a decline of 27.2 percent in 2009, according to a new report from HigherEdJobs, the leading source for jobs and career information in academia.
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The growth in higher education job postings appears to be consistent with increases in the number of jobs for the sector. Higher education employment growth continued to follow historical trends during the fourth quarter of 2010, virtually unaffected by the national economic recovery or the recession that preceded it. Higher education employment grew 3.2 percent during Q4 and was up 3.1 percent for the year, both record highs since at least 2005.

The report also found that colleges and universities continued to focus on recruiting administrators and executives over faculty, a trend that began with the declared end of the recession. In absolute numbers, however, recruitment for all position types, including faculty, is up. Also, reliance on part-time positions -- as manifested by increases in part-time job postings during the recession -- has moderated as the economy begins to recover.

In addition, hiring and employment at community colleges continued to be strong in Q4 2010 and throughout 2010, although with changes in Congress, the recent focus on community colleges may fade.

From a geographic perspective, higher education job postings increased in all regions of the country, with the greatest growth observed in the Mountain and New England regions, and the weakest in the West South Central area.

The report examines job posting data from colleges and universities that have been continuously subscribed to the company's unlimited posting plan for four years or longer, a cohort of over 700 schools, as well as data from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

HigherEdJobs is the leading source for jobs and career information in academia. During 2010, more than 4,250 colleges and universities posted over 79,000 faculty, administrative and executive job postings to the company's website. HigherEdJobs receives 900,000 unique visitors a month. HigherEdJobs is published by Internet Employment Linkage, Inc. and is headquartered in State College, PA.

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