The Sprague School
United Arab Emirates

Seeks: Founding Head of School
Effective: October 2015

Application Deadline: March 15th 2015

Scholars International Group, a Dubai based educational organization, is looking for an outstanding Head of School for a new school, launching in 2016/17. The individual will be an integral part of the planning team and then lead the school as it seeks to develop itself as one of the premier schools in the region. The school will be a co-educational institution delivering an US based curriculum starting from Nursery to Grade 2 and then adding a new grade every year leading to the IB Diploma program.

The school will be affiliated with the New York based, Bank Street College of Education, and its associated school, the Bank Street School for Children. This new school will seek initial accreditation with NEASC as well as CIS. The school will be committed to high expectations within a constructivist approach to education.

About SIG
Scholars International Group (SIG) is an educational organization with a mission to develop international schools of excellence within the UAE. Founded in 1976, SIG has created student leaders that have gone on to distinguish themselves at the finest universities including Oxford, Cambridge, University of Pennsylvania and John Hopkins University. We combine a passion for continual innovation with our thirty eight year heritage of educational excellence. The group currently owns and operates two schools and is about to launch its third school where we seek to raise the bar of educational excellence.

Position Information
The Head of School will be both a pedagogical and administrative leader and will be supported by a strong leadership team and Board. The ideal candidate is a strategic thinker combining both innovation and pragmatism. The candidate is a collaborative and motivational leader who is both confident as well as flexible; s/he is energetic, driven and committed to excellence across all areas. The candidate has strong interpersonal skills and is a great communicator, also having the discipline and organization skills for developing systems and effective documentation. S/he is very comfortable in using technology as well as its use within the curriculum framework. The candidate is calm, mature, open, patient, hard-working, humble and in essence a good person.

The Head of School will have the ability to grasp the vision, beliefs and ethos of the Board and translate that into a successful school. The appointed individual will report into the SIG Director of Schools.
Qualifications
The following are a list of ideal qualifications that we would like to see from our incoming Head of School:

- Post graduate degree in education
- Prior successful school leadership experience within a multi-cultural environment
- Strong knowhow of school operations
- Prior experience with school accreditation and school inspections
- Strong experience with student and school data management systems
- A track record of professional development

Salary and Benefits
Competitive package will be offered including accommodation, yearly air ticket, health insurance, visa costs and end of contract gratuity.

Application Procedure
Application Deadline: Please submit applications as soon as possible, as the school will begin reviewing applications immediately.

Interested candidates should send their information to Kumar Verma:
kverma@sigeducation.com

Please include the following information:
- Letter of application including a statement of your educational philosophy
- Updated CV

We will confirm receipt of each application. All suitable candidates will go through a multi-step interview process conducted via Skype and where possible, face to face. We will be continually interviewing and will finalize upon the first candidate that meets our internal requirements and shares our ethos.