

## Press Release

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### **American University in Kosovo Launches Search for New President *President Chris Hall to Depart after Six Years of Service***

**Pristina, Kosovo and New York, NY, Friday September 28, 2012.**

The Board of Directors of the American University in Kosovo (AUK) announces that it is retaining a pre-eminent executive search firm to initiate a global search for a new president to build on the solid accomplishments of the past ten years, to further enhance the university's academic capabilities, and to achieve its ambitious continuing expansion plans aimed at meeting the higher education needs of Kosovo and the rest of Southeastern Europe. After nearly six years of dedicated service, AUK thanks President Chris Hall for his contributions and respects his decision to depart for personal reasons and to pursue other professional pursuits. During President Hall's tenure the AUK has grown into one of the most respected institutions of higher learning in Kosovo and beyond. He will be missed by the AUK community and all they wish him well in his future endeavors.

AUK will employ the services of a firm with experience in working with leading universities around the world to identify the person best suited to lead AUK through this next level of development. The Board is seeking a proven leader who possesses a depth of executive skills, academic experience and demonstrated capabilities to build institutional practices that ensure AUK's permanent impact in the region. In the interval between President Hall's departure and the arrival of the new president Board members have volunteered to act on an interim basis as head of the university.

### **About the American University in Kosovo**

The American University in Kosovo (AUK) is one of the leading institutions of higher education in Southeastern Europe, offering students a standard of education that allows our graduates to compete with those of leading universities in the world. The mission of the American University in Kosovo is to deliver a high quality American education to

outstanding students from Kosovo and throughout the world, from diverse backgrounds and nationalities that will prepare them to be ethical, practical and socially engaged leaders of their communities.

AUK is Kosovo's only private, not-for-profit university. It is the only university in Kosovo with an exclusively English-language curriculum which provides a fully accredited US degree, thanks to its long-standing partnership with the distinguished Rochester Institute of Technology ([www.rit.edu](http://www.rit.edu)). AUK has also partnered effectively with other prominent universities from around the world like Dartmouth College ([www.dartmouth.edu](http://www.dartmouth.edu)), Science Po ([www.sciencepo.fr](http://www.sciencepo.fr)), Utrecht University ([www.uu.nl](http://www.uu.nl)) and others, to deliver our students a global perspective and experience instituting best practices, and to prepare them to take on challenges of tomorrow as global citizens.

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