

**Position Profile for Cogito: Program Director and Development Officer**  
**COGITO at Hampden-Sydney College**  
**Hampden-Sydney, Virginia**

**Cogito: A Forum for Christian Thought** is a 501(c)3 non-profit dedicated to the thoughtful exploration of the life and teachings of Jesus Christ and to promoting the faithful lives of his followers in an intellectually honest and academically challenging manner. We believe that these goals are of vital importance to enhance Hampden-Sydney's stated goal of forming "good men, good citizens." Hampden-Sydney is a thousand-student college nestled in rural Virginia and is one of the last two all-male colleges in the United States. Formed before the Revolutionary war, it is one of the oldest colleges in the US, and prides itself for its commitment to the liberal arts, leadership training, rigorous honor code and a rhetoric proficiency requirement. Cogito was formed in 2010 by Missy Deregibus, the current director, and a supportive board of directors. It has now grown to the point that we need to hire additional staff to pursue a broader vision. For an extended view of our mission and vision statements or for additional inquiries, please contact Director Missy Deregibus at [missyd57@gmail.com](mailto:missyd57@gmail.com).

**This is *one* position consisting of two main responsibilities, Program Director and Development Officer:**

- Program Director: position will plan and execute about three lectures a semester. This includes strategies for themes, figuring out optimal dates in coordination with other campus events, lining up speakers, and guiding student leaders through the events process.
- Development Officer: Develop short and long term financial strategy for Cogito; increase donor base, and fundraise. Over the course of 2-3 years, increase funding to \$150K. As available, seek grants for additional expansion. Work with treasurer as needed.
- Run one small group and meet with several students individually.
- Administrative duties include: continue networking both on and off campus to build relational capital with students, faculty, staff and alumni. Work with current director on long and short term strategy for thoughtful expansion. This will include weekly meetings, prayer and email followups. Continue participation with the Consortium of Christian Study Centers, especially the annual meeting as well as some contact with other Directors.

**Qualifications:**

- Mature follower of Christ: In addition to a basic credal agreement, we are looking for a faithful history with the church, integrity in personal relationships, and a commitment to personal disciplines.
- Doctorate preferred, but other higher degrees and job experience are highly considered.
- Willingness to settle in the community.
- Understanding of and commitment to the Christian Study Center mission as opposed to other (very valid) ministry models is essential.
- A commitment to the flourishing of HSC as an institution.
- A theological grounding for faith, work and study.
- Good writing, thinking, and communication skills a must.

**Salary and benefits:**

Negotiable, upon request. This position is largely self-raising.

**Potential:**

Position has the potential to evolve into the Executive Director and shift duties as we see fit.

**Study Center Movement:**

The Christian Study Center movement on American campuses is a wonderful idea whose time has come. A faithful intersection of faith and learning, of contribution to (instead of opposition against) the academy is a voice that is sorely needed at this time in history. This position provides the rare opportunity to build upon a foundation already laid and to take Cogito from "good to great."

CVs, Statement of interest and other inquiries to be made initially to Executive Director, Missy Deregibus at [missyd57@gmail.com](mailto:missyd57@gmail.com). Interviews, applications and Board approval to follow as inquiries demand. Job opening to begin August 2018, or possibly earlier. Inquiries, CVs and statements of interest accepted immediately.