



City Manager - City of University City, MO

The City of University City, MO (pop. 35,065). A beautiful and historic inner-ring suburb of St. Louis, University City is a unique urban community with a strong mix of cultural, ethnic, social and economic diversity. Incorporated in 1906, and adjacent to Washington University, University City was established with a vision of being a city of culture and fine homes. In University City, citizens boast availability to urban-style services and easy accessibility to the Greater St. Louis's recreational and cultural activities.

The City Manager is the chief administrative officer, responsible for day-to-day operations and overseeing all funds with combined budgets of approximately \$57 million. University City is in excellent financial condition, with an FY 2026 unassigned fund balance at 35%.

University City is a full-service city providing a range of services including police, fire/EMS, public works, engineering, community development, and parks, recreation & public areas maintenance. Water and sanitary sewer utilities are provided by other agencies. The City has a full-time staff of 265 employees and 22 part-time employees.

The City is looking for a progressive, collaborative and transparent professional with strong communication skills. Work experience with a racially and economically diverse population and active citizenry is important. Town-Gown experience and a record of visibility in the community are highly valued. Following a respected eight-year incumbent who retired, the successful candidate will join a stable organization known for its teamwork and strong community engagement. The next City Manager is expected to be visible in the community while bringing strong financial, analytical, and human resources expertise.

Ideal candidates will possess:

- A master's degree in public administration, business administration or other advanced executive level training such as ICMA Credentialed Manager is preferred. Membership in ICMA is essential.
- At least 10 years of increasingly responsible local government management experience as an administrator, assistant administrator or department head, or equivalent combination of education and experience.
- Proven leadership, managerial, and interpersonal skills to guide a dynamic organization with high customer-service expectations.
- Strong human resources and financial management skills.
- Excellent communication, diplomacy, and community engagement skills.

The City Manager is appointed by and reports to the Mayor and six-member City Council. The starting salary range is \$210,000 - \$240,000 + DOQ, plus an excellent benefit package. Residency is required. Candidates should apply by April 3, 2026, with resume, cover letter and contact information for five work-related references to www.GovHRjobs.com to the attention of Lee Szymorski, MGT Senior Consultant. Tel: 847-380-3240 ext. 103.

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