



## Director of Centre for Imagination

Woodstock School is seeking a visionary educational leader as Director of its Centre for Imagination (CFI) to start in July 2021.

### THE SCHOOL

Woodstock School is India's leading international residential school. For over 165 years, the school has nurtured a vibrant community of learners, emphasizing a commitment for its students to be key participants in a rapidly changing world and encouraging them to be global citizens and the environment. Situated in the Indian Himalayas, Woodstock's stunning campus covers more than 250 acres of protected forest, providing an inspirational educational environment and unrivalled access to one of the world's great mountain wildernesses. The school strives for excellence in teaching and learning within its inclusive Christian tradition, offering an exceptional education in a diverse international community that has representation from 40 nationalities in its student body and faculty.

Woodstock is an IB World School offering an inquiry-based approach in the Early Years, the Middle Years Programme (MYP) in Grades 6-10, and the Diploma Programme (DP) in Grades 11-12. The school is certified by the Middle States Association (MSA) and Council of International Schools (CIS).

### CENTRE FOR IMAGINATION (CFI)

The Centre for Imagination is one of the central themes within Woodstock's educational philosophy and was conceived with an aim to create an organization dedicated to imagination in all its varied forms. CFI's overarching goal is to be an enabler in creating a space and providing resources for mentored students, facilitating independent research and projects. Resources include workshops, speakers and seminars that could connect students to ideas, relevant outside research and supportive mentors, which would include global leaders performing influential work in domains as diverse as Business, Environment, Literature, Arts, Music, Science, Technology, Social Justice, Education and Human Rights.

CFI is housed within a dedicated, brand new, state-of-the-art building slated to be commissioned by February 2021.

### JOB DETAILS

Reporting to the Principal, the Director of CFI would be responsible for leading the operations and the curriculum for the Centre. S/he must be a forward looking, visionary leader possessing creative, entrepreneurial, strategic, and analytical skills. Acting as a catalyst for change, the Director would facilitate the creation of one of the most distinctive elements of the Woodstock experience by inspiring young people to discover their grand passion in life and to explore what it means to live from a strong sense of vocation. The Director would be responsible for galvanizing a school-wide effort toward developing the Centre as a hub by promoting learning, teaching and research through creativity, imagination and innovation across the school in an interdisciplinary manner and in the context of our natural Himalayan environment and the local community.

Collaborating with the Leadership and faculty teams, the Director of CFI carries overall responsibility for:

- Promoting Imaginative Education through cross-curricular approaches to teaching at Woodstock, and thereby enhancing student learning and engagement.
- Fostering dialogue and collaboration across professional, disciplinary, and cultural boundaries.



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- Designing interdisciplinary educational programs by collaborating with external organizations to enhance imaginative practices.
- Collaborating with the Hanifl Centre - a dedicated Woodstock facility that promotes outdoor education - to implement creative approaches in integrating outdoor learning in the Himalayas with traditional curricular approaches.
- Working with coordinators of the IB Creativity, Activity, Service (CAS) program in formulating and directing CAS projects for students in domains such as outdoor education, environmental stewardship and community engagement.
- Communicating the mission and vision of the CFI in internal and external forums.
- Engaging the alumni and parent community to participate in the work of the CFI.

The successful candidate will have at least five years of leadership experience in leading a similar organization at the secondary or collegiate level, with progressively increased responsibilities and a record of success in growing and nurturing innovative educational programs. Personal qualities of integrity and intellectual curiosity, a natural flair for creativity, strong interpersonal and communication skills, technological savviness, a collaborative work style, and a commitment to excellence that characterizes the school should be reflected in the Director. Applicants must be dynamic individuals who are passionate about working with high school students and are innovative in their approach to the job and embrace and support the diversity of our student body. Around 20% of this role would involve teaching of an IB subject stream. The Director of CFI is expected, in both pastoral and professional ways, to model Woodstock School's Desired Learning Outcomes by teaching in a way which Elicits Greatness and make decisions in accordance with our Guiding Principles.

The Director would supervise a full-time Coordinator and student Interns.

## **Position qualifications:**

- A relevant Master's degree required; advanced degree preferred
- At least five years of administrative and relevant leadership experience
- Experience developing and launching diverse cross-curricular initiatives to promote creative thinking and imagination in students
- Familiarity with independent school, boarding school environment
- Proven track record as a highly collaborative individual with strong interpersonal, verbal, written, and presentation skills
- Strong personal integrity, an intrinsic work ethic and an upbeat and optimistic approach

**APPLICATION DEADLINE:** March 15, 2021

## **HIRING PROCESS:**

Interested applicants should apply through <https://my.hirehive.io/woodstock-school> and send their resume, cover letter, and a maximum two-page educational philosophy at their earliest convenience. Applications will be screened on a rolling basis and shortlisted candidates will be interviewed by the hiring committee via Skype/Zoom.

**JOINING DATE:** 1 July 2021