

Full time Imam / Director of Religious Affairs Position

The Muslim Association of Lehigh Valley (MALV) invites candidates to apply for the full time imam/Director of Religious affairs Position in its Lehigh Valley Center. MALV serves a diverse Muslim community in the greater Lehigh Valley area in Pennsylvania. Our center is conveniently located in eastern Pennsylvania and it is only hour and half away from two major cities (New York and Philadelphia).

The Imam/Director of Religious Affairs will be the spiritual leader of our community and his responsibilities shall include but not limited to:

- i. Provide lectures to enhance the community's knowledge in the Quran, Hadith, Seerah, Fiqh, etc.
- ii. Offer Islamic counseling to any community members in need of such counselling
- iii. Provide consultation and direction to MALV leadership on religious matters and community challenges
- iv. Deliver the Friday Khutbahs to the community
- v. Maintain strong relationships with other Muslim and Non-Muslim Faith leaders and institutions in the Lehigh valley and surrounding
- vi. Provide mentorship and support to new and renewed Muslims, through the development of programming and activities
- vii. Initiate and Support fundraising activities to support the growth of the community
- viii. Lead special prayers in the masjid including Eid and Janazah prayers
- ix. Be the spokesman for the community on all religious matters
- x. Develop programs that will enhance the spiritual development of the community including programs that caters for the needs of the youths
- xi. Connect with members of the community and improve their involvements in the Masjid's activities
- xii. Conduct religious matters such as Nikah, Burial etc

To apply for this position, the candidate must be willing to perform the above tasks and must meet the following requirements:

- a. Bachelors or higher degree in Islamic Studies from an accredited or highly recognized Islamic University/Institution. US education is preferred
- b. Comprehensive or extensive knowledge of the Quran, Hadith – Sunnah, Aqeedah, Fiqh, and Shariah
- c. Memorization of a significant portion of the Quran, with a fundamental understanding of Tafseer and Tajweed. (Hafidh preferred)
- d. Ability to teach at varying levels of Islamic education; beginner to advanced
- e. Ability to listen attentively and patiently to all community members
- f. Be fluent in English, speaking, reading and writing. Knowledge of Arabic language grammar is preferred
- g. Be authorized to work in the United States. (US Citizen or Permanent Resident) and must have lived in the USA for considerable amount of time
- h. Have previous experience as an Imam or Religious leader in a diverse Muslim community
- i. Must have basic knowledge of the four major schools of Islamic jurisprudence namely Hanafi, Maliki, Shafi'i and Hanbali and must follow one of the schools of thought
- j. Have strong communication, organizational, leadership and interpersonal skills
- k. Have good understanding of challenges facing Muslims in the USA
- l. Value and respect diversity and promote unity
- m. Have extensive experience in community planning and programming



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- n. Have experience in interfaith discourse and interfaith planning
- o. Have experience in working with teaching and mentoring both brothers and sisters

Salary and benefits package for the position is commensurate with qualification and experience.

Interested candidates should send their resume along with references, recommendations and credentials to:

**Imam Search Committee Chairman,
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Or email to imamsearch@malv.org