

Executive Recruiting Checklist of 22 Milestones: A McHugh Select

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Each organization will have its own internal processes for hiring new employees. I offer these 22 milestones as a checklist to help you to organize your recruiting efforts

- define position performance and background requirements
- establish salary range
- write/approve position description
- write/approve recruiting advertisement copy
- develop/approve advertising media budget
- develop list of advertising media
- announce position opening internally
- place recruitment advertisement in media
- screen resumes received against position criteria
- conduct phone interviews with qualified candidates
- write interview reports rating and evaluating candidates
- recommend candidates for potential follow- up phone interviews
- select and invite top two or three finalists for on-site interview
- evaluate and rate top finalists for each position
- develop back-up list of finalist candidates
- make offer, negotiate with top finalist
- make offers to number 2 or number 3 finalist if salary impediment occurs
- check references for finalist candidate
- hire candidate
- write letter of confirmation details such as salary and start date
- write "rejection" letters/or call "rejected" candidates
- list, organize, and archive all resumes received

One More Thought on Executive Recruiting

One important aspect of recruiting is your ability to distill the hiring essentials into short criteria to enable you to quickly make a comparative evaluation of your top candidates. When I prepare a comparative of evaluation of candidates, I use these three criteria.

- Meeting job requirements as specified in position description.
- Probability of success in this position: organizational fit as team player, communication skills, and potential for growth.
- Meet McHugh hiring standards: "Would McHugh hire this person to his publishing team?"

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