

UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE, KNOXVILLE
COLLEGE OF ARCHITECTURE AND DESIGN

Director of the University of Tennessee School of Architecture

The University of Tennessee School of Architecture invites applications for a full-time director position commencing July 1, 2014. The 12-month position brings with it the opportunity to enhance the direction, character, and prestige of an architecture program that will be celebrating its 50th anniversary in 2015.

We seek an energetic, enthusiastic person who is comfortable assuming varied roles within the program, college, and university with a demonstrated capacity to engage and lead an exceptionally talented faculty. We are seeking an individual who embodies the diversity and intercultural goals of the college and university. The program offers a design-centered curriculum that promotes an ethic of critical thinking, cultural stewardship, and environmental, social, and economic sustainability.

The director administers the undergraduate and graduate professional programs and a new research-oriented graduate degree. The position offers a competitive salary and benefits package commensurate with the successful candidate's qualifications and experience, as part of a 12-month appointment at the rank of full professor. As a faculty member, the director is expected to teach. The successful candidate will serve a renewable 5-year appointment as director subject to annual performance reviews from the dean of the College of Architecture and Design.

As the state's flagship, research-intensive institution, the University of Tennessee, Knoxville is among the nation's top public universities. The School of Architecture, established in 1965, has a faculty of diverse educational backgrounds, with national and international recognition in creative activity, research, and teaching. The director administers all degree programs in the school. Degrees offered include a five-year Bachelor of Architecture, a Master of Architecture, and a M.S. in Architecture. Both professional degrees are accredited by the National Architecture Accreditation Board (NAAB).

The director will be expected to foster the school's culture of collaboration with the college's undergraduate program in interior design and graduate program in landscape architecture. The college shares its award-winning building with the School of Art, offering numerous opportunities for cross-disciplinary collaboration. The school's students are among the most highly qualified in the university. Both the faculty and the student body are intensely engaged in international study. For a semester, all undergraduate architecture students are required to study off-campus/abroad.

Required Qualifications:

Candidates must hold at least one of the following: a professional undergraduate degree in architecture and a graduate degree in architecture or a related field; a professional graduate degree in architecture; or a doctoral degree in architecture or a related field. Candidates must be qualified, by education and experience, to administer a professional architecture program. Successful candidates will possess credentials that merit appointment at the rank of full professor. Candidates must demonstrate evidence of leadership and entrepreneurship as well as management skills and the ability to collaborate across disciplines. Candidates will demonstrate a clear understanding of undergraduate and graduate-level design education and show potential for excellence in studio-based design instruction and research/scholarship/creative activity/outreach. All candidates must demonstrate the ability to pursue self-directed intellectual objectives through research, scholarship, creative work, and/or practice.

Preferred Qualifications:

Preferred candidates will possess the credentials, experience, professional and academic networks, and desire necessary to build the national and international reputation of the program. Preference will be given to individuals with demonstrated success with alumni relations and development, student recruiting and retention, and communication with external constituencies. Candidates will exhibit an awareness of

university expectations for tenure and promotion and have qualifications that predict success in the stewardship of candidates for tenure and promotion. Experience in distinguished practice is desirable as is experience guiding multi-disciplinary teams. Preferred candidates will hold a professional license in architecture and/or a Ph.D. or doctorate in architecture or related field.

Preferred candidates for this position will have had experience in academic administration including the evaluation of faculty, the administration of budgets, guiding the curriculum and the accreditation of professional programs.

Required Submissions (Must be submitted as a single 20 MB maximum PDF file):

- 1) A letter of interest that includes the applicant's qualifications for the position;
- 2) A curriculum vitae;
- 3) Selected work demonstrating the applicant's scholarship, creative activity, teaching and/or outreach; and
- 4) Names and contact information for a minimum of 5 references. References will be checked only after communication with the applicant has occurred.

Please direct submissions to Dr. Dixie L. Thompson, Chair, School of Architecture Director Search Committee, c/o Fran Daniels at fdaniel3@utk.edu, with 'Director Search' in the subject heading). Review of applications will begin December 1, 2013 and continue until the position is filled.

All qualified applicants will receive equal consideration for employment without regard to race, color, national origin, religion, sex, pregnancy, marital status, sexual orientation, age, physical or mental disability, or covered veteran status. Eligibility and other terms and conditions of employment benefits at The University of Tennessee is governed by laws and regulations of the State of Tennessee, and this non-discrimination statement is intended to be consistent with those laws and regulations.

In accordance with the requirements of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, The University of Tennessee affirmatively states that it does not discriminate on the basis of race, sex, or disability in its education programs and activities, and this policy extends to employment by the University. Inquiries and charges of violation of Title VI (race, color, national origin), Title IX (sex), Section 504 (disability), A.D.A. (disability), Age Discrimination in Employment Act (age), sexual orientation, or veteran status should be directed to the Office of Equity and Diversity (OED), 1840 Melrose Avenue, Knoxville, TN 37996-3560, telephone (865) 974-2498 (V/TTY available) or 974-2440. Requests for accommodation of a disability should be directed to the ADA Coordinator at the Office of Equity and Diversity.