



THE COLLEGE OF ARCHITECTURE AND LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE

Advancing Sustainable Design and Planning for Arid Regions

JOB DESCRIPTION DIRECTOR, SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE

The Director of the School of Architecture serves as the academic and administrative officer of the School of Architecture; member of the executive committee of the College of Architecture and Landscape Architecture; and significant leader in the professional design community of Tucson, the state of Arizona, and the nation.

Opportunities for Success. The School of Architecture is at an important transformational moment in its long and distinguished history. Set solidly on a record of excellence in the preparation of architectural practitioners, the School is launching itself toward an ambitious goal of becoming the nation's premier program of sustainable architecture for arid regions.

The Director position presents an exceptional opportunity to help shape an exciting future for a leading school of architecture. Toward this goal, the Director will have many advantages that will ensure success including:

- *Access to resources of a top-ten public research university dedicated to becoming the nation's leader in cutting edge environmental research and its rapid translation to use by society.*
- *Location within Tucson and the Sonoran Desert, one of the most biologically and culturally diverse regions in the world.*
- *Bachelor of Architecture program ranked 12th nationally by Design Intelligence.*
- *Partnership with nationally recognized outreach unit, Drachman Institute and its award-winning Drachman Design Build Coalition, dedicated to the design and construction of place-based affordable housing.*
- *Strong partnerships with other nationally recognized university programs including the School of Sustainable Engineering Systems, Mechanical Engineering, Material Sciences, Public Health, and Business.*
- *New, state-of-the-art facilities including top-quality design studios, an advanced digital resource lab, and one of the largest, fully equipped, materials fabrication labs in the nation.*

- *Continued development of College-wide curriculum that integrates disciplines of architecture, landscape architecture, and planning.*
- *Support of experienced and devoted College leadership team dedicated to collaboration and collegiality.*

The Leadership Charge. The Director will be charged with the following goals:

- *Advancement of the School as the national/international leader in sustainable architecture for arid regions.*
- *Championing the importance of regionalism in design, especially as it relates to the unique qualities of the Sonoran Desert.*
- *Creation of a highly collaborative college that fully integrates teaching, research, and outreach across the disciplines of architecture, landscape architecture, planning, and other disciplines related to the sustainable built environment.*
- *Development of a highly qualified body of faculty, staff, and students committed to excellence in design and technology.*
- *Fostering strong ties with the design community locally, regionally, and nationally.*
- *Development of a rich set of study abroad and exchange programs with institutions worldwide with a focus on arid regions.*
- *Securing resources for the School to advance excellence.*

Director Responsibilities. The responsibilities of the Director are diverse and include:

- I. Advancement of the vision, mission, and goals of the School and College
 - A. Academic leadership with the faculty toward the achievement of:
 1. An academic vision for the School within the College, University, and academy.
 2. Quality degree programs
 - a. Ongoing assessment of degree programs, curricula development, and instructional innovations and effectiveness.
 - b. Development of new degree and certificate programs.
 - c. Maintenance of curricular requirements as specified by the National Architectural Accrediting Board (NAAB).
 3. Highly qualified faculty, staff, and students.
 - a. Effective recruitment, mentorship, and retention.
 4. Nationally recognized research/scholarship/creative works by architecture faculty and students.
 5. Vigorous community service and outreach efforts in partnership with the Drachmann Institute and the School of Landscape Architecture and Planning.



6. A College culture of integrity, collegiality, and collaboration amongst faculty, staff, and students.
- II. Administrative leadership in collaboration with the CALA Executive Council toward the achievement of:
 - A. Effective management of School admissions and registration processes.
 - B. Effective personnel, budget, and facility management in support of School and College goals.
 - C. Effective management of School and College academic and administrative policies and procedures.
 - D. Strong representation of the School and College within the larger university governance.
 - E. Effective communication and sound relationships with and among diverse stakeholders including professional organizations, donors, faculty, students, alumni, government, and the public.
 - F. Development of partnerships internal and external to the University that benefit the School
 - G. Fund-raising and the generation of new resources that advance School goals.
 - III. Professional Leadership
 - A. Advancement of the profession of architecture and the design and planning professions generally throughout the state, region, and nation.
 - IV. Leadership as a Senior Faculty Member
 - A. Teach up to one course per semester.
 - B. Advancement of individual scholarship/research/creative works.

Required Knowledge and Characteristics. In order to be effective, the Director should possess the following skills and characteristics:

- *Strong personal integrity and enthusiasm for the mission and culture of the School and University.*
- *An understanding of the land grant mission and a commitment to land grant principles.*
- *Enthusiasm for successful fund-raising.*
- *A strong commitment to faculty, staff, and student development.*
- *The vision to continue leading the School toward national and international prominence.*
- *A demonstrated record in collaborative research, teaching, and service across the architecture, design and planning disciplines.*
- *A commitment to shared governance.*

Formal Appointment. It is anticipated that the Director will be appointed as a senior, tenured faculty member in the School of Architecture with a distribution of effort of 75%

administrative duties and up to 25% teaching and scholarship/research/creative works. The position is a twelve-month, full-time position reporting directly to the College Dean.



Compensation. The salary for the Director position is nationally competitive.