



DIRECTOR and PROFESSOR SCHOOL OF PLANNING

ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY—SCHOOL OF PLANNING. Arizona State University (ASU) invites nominations and applications for the position of Director of the School of Planning. This is a critical position with universitywide implications, regional opportunity, and considerable leadership expectations. Responsibilities include not only governance of the school but also coordination with other planning-related units across the university. In keeping with the aspirations of the president and ASU's New American University agenda (read more at <mynew.asu.edu>), the director is an invaluable resource to the public and private entities that are shaping the most rapidly urbanizing region of the U.S.

The director is expected to advance the school's mission of creating sustainable and livable cities and regions through interdisciplinary and innovative research, educational excellence, and active community involvement. The director will be expected to contribute to the college administrative team and administer budget and personnel matters within the school. This position will have the full support of the dean of the College of Design and contributing entities within the college including the Stardust Center for Affordable Homes and the Family, the Phoenix Urban Research Laboratory, and the Herberger Center for Design Research. By leveraging this considerable network of resources, the director will enable faculty to advance the school's mission, serve as advocates for urban and regional planning, and contribute to a vibrant communication and publication effort.

CONTEXT: With over 200 students, 11 full-time faculty, and numerous parttime adjunct professionals, the School of Planning is the largest planning program in the state of Arizona. It offers two PAB-accredited degrees—a Bachelor of Science in Planning (BSP) and a Master of Urban and Environmental Planning (MUEP). The School of Planning also participates in these collegewide degrees—the Ph.D. in Environmental Design and Planning, the Master of Urban Design, and the Bachelor of Arts in Design Studies. The School of Planning is housed in the College of Design, which also includes the School of Architecture and Landscape Architecture and the Departments of Interior Design, Industrial Design, and Visual Communication Design and programs leading to the Master of Real Estate Development and the B.S. in Design in Housing and Community Development.

A hallmark of the School of Planning is its progressive social and environmental agenda; work with diverse communities; and its close interaction with neighborhoods, local and regional government agencies, tribal communities, U.S.-Mexico border communities, and nongovernmental organizations. As a result, the School of Planning has an established tradition of involvement with communities and organizations nationally and internationally as well as a strong record of funded research and scholarship.

The school is also the originator of several compelling visualization projects that take full advantage of the university's fully equipped Decision Theater. The Digital Phoenix initiative, being undertaken by several faculty in the school, is a long-range planning tool that has drawn the interest and collaborative skills of researchers across the campus. Continuing to integrate new technologies into the research and teaching mission of the school will be an important goal of the future director.

QUALIFICATIONS: Candidates must have a Ph.D. in planning or a closely related field, university administrative experience, and evidence of quality teaching and peer-reviewed research commensurate with the rank of tenured professor. Demonstrated capacity to provide vision, leadership, and creativity to advance the field of planning is also required.

Desired attributes include: national/international recognition in planning; a demonstrated ability to forge collaborative, interdisciplinary initiatives across the college and university; excellent interpersonal and organizational skills; demonstrated knowledge of the effective deployment of new technologies within the field; a record of initiating and sustaining strong research programs and fundraising; and a demonstrated record of working with communities and organizations and advancing professional planning. We seek candidates with a demonstrable interest in one or more of the following issues: social and environmental justice, sustainability, and globalization and urban development.

To apply, candidates must submit a letter of application, a curriculum vitae, a statement highlighting their vision and potential contributions to the school's mission and the goals of the New American University, samples of recent publications, and the names and contact information for three references. Application materials may be addressed to Sandy Mancilla Rannow and sent to the Director of Planning Search Committee in one of three forms: digitally (preferred), by regular mail, or by courier. Digital submittals may be sent by email to Sandy Mancilla Rannow smancilla@asu.edu. The regular mail address is PO Box 871905, Tempe, AZ 85287-1905, or courier materials can be sent to College of Design South, Room 103, 810 South Forest Mall, Tempe, Arizona, 85287. Questions regarding this position may be directed to the Chair of the Search Committee through Sandy Mancilla Rannow at 480.965.6880 or smancilla@asu.edu.

While applications will be accepted until the search is closed, interested parties are encouraged to submit their materials by September 30, 2008 to receive optimal consideration. For more information about the university, college, or school, please call 480.965.6880 to request materials or visit our webpage at <design.asu.edu/planning/>.

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