THE OPPORTUNITY

Kansas State University invites applications and nominations for the position of Dean at the nationally recognized College of Architecture, Planning, and Design (APDesign). This is an extraordinary opportunity for an innovative, successful, and recognized leader to join a highly successful College of Architecture, Planning, and Design in a public R1, land-grant university.

At K-State, Deans are highly visible University leaders who can advance the missions of their colleges and the university through a shared vision of education, teaching, research, and service. The Dean reports to the Provost and Executive Vice President and serves on the Council of Academic Deans.

The successful candidate will be an exceptionally collaborative, dynamic, approachable strategic leader who can inspire others and lead an innovative interdisciplinary academic community committed to excellence in design, scholarship, teaching and environmental stewardship.

APDesign is on a trajectory of growth and the new dean will have the skills to build on the momentum and success of the College. Bringing a passion for education and a deep understanding of the design and planning professions, the new dean will work closely with faculty, staff, students, alumni and other constituents to craft a strategic vision and plan that advances the College as well as the university.
About the College of Architecture, Planning and Design

The College provides a unique educational model, providing graduates with the capacity to make an immediate impact upon graduation while expanding the periphery of traditional practice. The College, housed in state-of-the-art facilities, is comprised of the departments of Architecture; Interior Architecture and Industrial Design; and Landscape Architecture and Regional & Community Planning.

It offers accredited professional graduate degree programs in each discipline, a graduate degree in community development, an undergraduate degree in real estate & community development, and an interdisciplinary doctorate in environmental design and planning.

Responsibilities

The Dean of the College of Architecture, Planning, and Design serves as the chief academic and administrative officer of the College, providing leadership, strategic vision and direction, and support for the College. In addition, the dean provides university leadership to support and promote the academic mission of the university. Specific responsibilities of the Dean include:

- leading all academic programs in the College;
- building continued excellence and growth in research and extension/outreach programs;
- promoting high-quality student experiences;
- supporting effective academic advising;
- being actively involved in the recruitment and retention of high caliber, diverse students, faculty, and staff to the college, as well as promoting a welcoming and inclusive environment;
- working productively with faculty, staff, department heads, deans, students, University administrators and the broader community on interdisciplinary and collaborative projects;
- development of collaborative, interdisciplinary programs within the College, across K-State, and between K-State and external/industry partners;
- advancing the College’s strategic plan/ goals aligned with the University’s vision and plans to become a Next-Generation Land-Grant University. https://www.k-state.edu/strategic-planning/
- providing leadership with a high degree of personal involvement with the fundraising efforts on behalf of the College, working in partnership with the KSU Foundation;
- maintaining and strengthening strategic relationships with the external professional community, alumni, benefactors, and industry; and
- working closely with constituents on issues related to the enhancement of the College and the University.

The College has approximately 90 faculty and staff and approximately 900 full-time students. In addition to course offerings, the College provides extended professional internships, education abroad programs, including its APDesign Italian Studies Program, field trips, and opportunities to participate in an urban design center in Kansas City.

For additional information about the College, see their website: https://apdesign.k-state.edu/.
Educational Requirements:
A terminal degree and/or licensure/certification in one of the fields represented by the College’s degree granting programs.

Required Competencies/Qualifications:
• A distinguished academic record and/or professional experience which merits appointment as a tenured, full professor in one of the College's departments with evidence of professional distinction and national or international recognition in their field.
• Proven success as an innovative, unifying, and strategic leader with the ability to plan, coordinate, articulate, and execute a strategic vision and initiatives while engaging others.
• A demonstrated commitment to all aspects of a land-grant mission, including teaching, research, and extension/outreach.
• Demonstrated success as an outstanding collaborator and relationship builder with exceptional communication and interpersonal skills.
• A proven record as a successful administrator with responsibility for guiding strategy, evaluating personnel, motivating faculty, resource acquisition and allocation, engaging external constituencies, and fostering diversity and teamwork to create collaborative relationships across culturally diverse groups.
• Firm grasp of the opportunities and advantages of a land-grant university with R1 status.
• A history of building, enhancing, and sustaining partnerships across a university, local communities, state, region, and nation as well as with external professional, industry, or governmental partners.

Preferred Competencies/Qualifications:
• An appreciation for the college’s programs, vision, and people.
• A proven ability to develop and implement successful interdisciplinary and/or international programs.
• Proven ability to initiate, lead, and facilitate transformational change and innovation initiatives, be adaptable with changing conditions, and comfortable with the ambiguity that accompanies a large public university.
• A record of promoting diversity and inclusion among students, faculty, staff, and in the curriculum.
• Demonstrated success in resource development, external fundraising, and financial management.

To learn more about Kansas State University, please visit our University Profile.
SEARCH PROCESS

Academic Career and Executive Search (ACES) is assisting Kansas State University. Inquiries, nominations, and applications will be treated confidentially. For full consideration, application materials must be received by November 28, 2022.

Applications will be reviewed as they are received and should include a cover letter and curriculum vita.

Please do not email applications. To be viewed by the search firm, you must apply directly at ACES’ candidate portal.

Inquiries, nominations, and questions should be sent to Jennifer@acesrch.com or call 860-740-2600.

Applicants must be currently authorized to work in the United States at the time of employment.

Kansas State University is an Equal Opportunity Employer. All applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity, age, national origin, disability, or status as a protected veteran. A pre-employment background check is required.