

Head of the School of Architecture
University of Minnesota, Twin Cities

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Job Title	Head of the School of Architecture
Department	College of Design http://design.umn.edu
Institution	University of Minnesota, Twin Cities Minneapolis, Minnesota
Date Posted	Sep. 20, 2019
Application Deadline	(date review of application begins)
Position Start Date	Ideally by June 2020
Job Categories	Department Head/Head/Chair
Academic Field(s)	Architecture/Landscape Architecture
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Job Description

Head of the School of Architecture

The College of Design at the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities is seeking a leader for the position of Head of the School of Architecture. This is an exciting opportunity to build on a strong institutional commitment to advance the profession. Long recognized as a national leader in architecture and urban design, the School has a rich history of collaboration with the local, national, and global design communities. Practicing architects are actively involved in our curricula as critics, mentors, and adjunct professors. The progressive profile and design focus of the Twin Cities metropolitan area are, in large part, reflections of the School's legacy.

The University of Minnesota's School of Architecture is invested in design grounded in critical

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representation (i.e., materials and media literacy, or drawing and making as ways of thinking) and social engagement (i.e., ethically motivated work that strives to make the world a better place). These commitments grow from the strong reputation of the School as a place where students learn how to draw and build skillfully and beautifully, and from the state of Minnesota's history of social progressiveness and humanitarianism. Our commitments to critical representation and social engagement reflect both what we have been and what, in 21st-century terms, we aspire to be. The Head of the School will become a leader in both the College of Design and the Twin Cities community of practice. The successful candidate will have a clearly defined and dynamic vision for the future of the discipline, knowledge of architectural practice and teaching, and insight into the profession's role in meeting the challenges of a diverse and changing world. The Head of the School will articulate positions and practices with regard to the role of architecture in a future characterized by rapid social, ecological, and technological transformation.

Appointment

This is a 100%-time, 12-month, academic administrative appointment at the level of Head with Faculty Rank (#9361), with an initial appointment of three years. Appointment as Head thereafter will be annually renewable, with ongoing retention of the tenured rank. Reappointment is contingent upon administrative review and evaluation. The Head must meet School of Architecture criteria for University tenure, through scholarly and/or practice achievements. The starting date for this position is negotiable, preferably no later than June 2020. Salary is commensurate with experience and reflects a faculty salary with administrative augmentation.

QUALIFICATIONS

Essential Qualifications:

- Professional or terminal degree in architecture; (BArch, MArch, MS in Architecture, or PhD.)
- Substantial experience in architectural education and/or practice compatible with the offerings of the School and College.
- Record of achievement in leadership, such as one or more of the following or equivalent: academic administration, firm leadership, grant leadership, faculty development, student recruiting, and/or other related experiences.
- Eligible for the rank of Associate Professor or Professor with University tenure according to School of Architecture criteria, based on scholarly and/or practice achievements.
- Demonstrated understanding and appreciation of a broad range of design and scholarly disciplines and their affinity with architecture.
- Experience teaching architecture at a college level.
- Experience with interdisciplinary teaching, research, and/or practice.
- Commitment to fostering gender equity and ethnic diversity, and to supporting diversity of ideas and perspectives.

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- Ability to build consensus and to demonstrate empathy as a leader.

Desired Qualifications:

- Experience in professional and/or graduate education.
- Understanding of the value of professional licensure and commitment to the School's role in supporting licensure for graduates.
- Experience building resources from industry, foundations, donors and/or government sources to support teaching, research, scholarship, and/or institutional priorities.
- Strong record of experience in administration, including financial and personnel management.
- Record of mentoring the scholarly/creative productivity of others.
- Record of success in supporting curricular development and programmatic innovation in undergraduate and/or graduate education.
- Demonstrated ability to foster an environment of open, honest, and respectful discussion, and a culture of civility and collegiality by serving as an engaged community leader.
- Ability to work productively with University and College administrators, faculty, staff, students, and/or other constituencies.
- Ability to advocate for the School of Architecture, College of Design, and University of Minnesota, within and outside of the University.

APPLICATIONS

The application procedure is handled online at <https://hr.myu.umn.edu/jobs/ext/333063>. To be considered for this position, please click the Apply button and follow the instructions to complete an online application for the position, including uploading your 1) cover letter and 2) curriculum vitae.

The following additional documents **MUST** be attached **AFTER** application by accessing your "My Job Applications" page and uploading documents there:

3) a statement of your vision for how the content of academic programs, within the School and College, could advance the School's Strategic Plan (limit of two pages); 4) a statement of your leadership vision for the School (limit of two pages); 5) a statement of how you have recognized diversity in your teaching, scholarship, and leadership (limit of two pages); 6) a portfolio of your work (limit of ten pages); and 7) contact information for three professional references.

To navigate to the "My Job Applications" page, click on the "Actions" menu and select "Careers" and then "My Job Applications." At the bottom of the page, click on the "Add Attachments" button to upload the additional documents.

Review of applications will begin November 1, 2019. Inquiries about the position may be addressed to: Search Committee Chair, Richard Graves, at 651-605-5450, rmgraves@umn.edu or Jan Batt, HR



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Director, at 612-624-0788, jbatt@umn.edu.

To request an accommodation during the application process, please e-mail employ@umn.edu or call (612) 624-UOHR (8647).

BACKGROUND CHECK

Any offer of employment is contingent upon the successful completion of a background check. Our presumption is that prospective employees are eligible to work here. Criminal convictions do not automatically disqualify finalists from employment.

EEO/AA Policy

The University recognizes and values the importance of diversity and inclusion in enriching the employment experience of its employees and in supporting the academic mission. The University is committed to attracting and retaining employees with varying identities and backgrounds.

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Contact Information

Please reference Academickeys in your cover letter when applying for or inquiring about this job announcement.

Contact Jan Batt
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