

Dean of Graduate Studies  
College for Creative Studies

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<b>Department</b>	Graduate Studies
<b>Institution</b>	College for Creative Studies Detroit, Michigan
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### **Job Description**

#### Dean of Graduate Studies

The College for Creative Studies (CCS) seeks a visionary and collaborative leader to serve as Dean of Graduate Studies to advance the overall quality, reputation and stature of the programs. This is a unique opportunity to lead and grow a relatively young program (3-8 years). In addition to industry and academic experience, this entrepreneurially minded, creative professional maintains a wide range of business and design world connections monitoring trends in the industry, creating opportunity and promoting innovation for learning across the College.

Utilizing a collaborative approach, the successful candidate demonstrates substantive knowledge, enthusiasm, and success in executing strategies for future expansion, supporting faculty and students, enhancing connections with industry as well as academic and research partners, and fostering an energetic and diverse educational environment. The Dean will understand the needs of graduate and undergraduate students and participate in combined effort between Undergraduate Studies and Graduate Studies.

The College is envisioning to grow in many aspects and the Dean is responsible for leading and collaborating with a diverse community of faculty, students, staff and community to achieve these goals.

The Dean plays an integral role in nurturing a culture of innovation with a Center for Design Research and Innovation, to be launched as a hub for collaborative projects and a knowledge base for advanced research and innovation in art and design.

The Dean reports directly to the Provost.

#### Responsibilities:

- Oversee the Graduate Studies division in alignment with the College's strategic plan
- Enhance the quality, visibility, and reputation of the CCS Graduate Studies nationally and internationally
- Supervise the graduate department chairs and administrative staff
- Develop sustainable growth strategy for CCS Graduate Studies
- Expand enrollment in collaboration with department chairs and admissions department
- Hire and develop faculty to deliver industry-leading education
- Bring synergy across professional education, academic research, and scholarly endeavors
- Lead curriculum development and assessment plans to provide the best and most relevant education

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to students

- Pursue development of new programs in a range of appropriate fields and strengthening educational offerings
- Engage faculty, students, staff, and alumni/ae in shaping the culture and student experience in Graduate Studies
- Nurture rich interactions between Graduate Studies and Undergraduate Studies programs
- Expand collaborative relationships with industry and research partners
- Provide the strategic leadership to grow the programs, internships and student placement
- Develop and maintain a Graduate Studies advisory board to advance and promote CCS Graduate Studies

Minimum Requirements:

- Terminal degree (Graduate or a degree equivalent or higher) in an area of art and/or design
- Experience in program development, planning, and supervision in higher education, preferably in graduate studies
- At least 5 years of teaching experience, including leadership in higher education
- At least 5 years of professional experience in related areas
- Established record of professional accomplishment as documented by publications, presentations, and/or executed projects
- Excellent verbal, written, interpersonal, and group communication skills
- Highest standards of personal and academic integrity

Desirable Qualifications:

- Reputation in design and education communities through publications or presentations in national and international venues
- Strong desire to make contributions in higher level art and design education
- Experience in international collaboration and partnerships
- Open-minded, collaborative approach when managing complex initiatives
- Vibrant personality with effective facilitating skills
- Appreciation for multi-disciplinary perspectives and approaches
- Financial acumen and inherent comfort in dealing with fiscal issues

About the College for Creative Studies - <http://www.collegeforcreativestudies.edu>

The College for Creative Studies, located in midtown Detroit, is a nonprofit, private college granting Bachelor's and Master's degrees. In its state-of-the-art facilities, CCS offers Master of Fine Arts degree

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in 4 majors: Color & Materials Design, Integrated Design, Interaction Design and Transportation Design. A Bachelor of Fine Arts degree is offered in 13 majors: Advertising Copywriting, Advertising Design, Communication Design (formerly Graphic Design), Crafts, Entertainment Arts, Fashion Accessories Design, Crafts, Fine Arts, Illustration, Interior Design, Photography, Product Design, and Transportation Design. The College also offers teacher certification in Art Education.

Founded in 1906 as the Detroit Society of Arts and Crafts, CCS has been highly successful with rigorous education and success of alumni in their professional fields. The reputation of CCS's students and programs annually attracts more than 160 national and international companies to recruit employees, including General Motors, Disney, Nike, Kohler, Trek, Ford, BASF, Google, Fiat Chrysler, Harley Davidson,

Rolex, International Truck and Engine Corporation, Starbucks, Ethan Allen Global, Whirlpool and many others.

Design Intelligence (2016) -Top three U.S. undergraduate industrial design programs, top seven graduate industrial design programs

Interior Motives (2013, 2014) - Most Successful Schools

LinkedIn (2015) - Third best design college in the country, best in the Midwest

#### Living in the Greater Detroit Area

Detroit's renaissance is in full swing. Detroit boasts impressive architecture and one of the top art collections in the country, at the Detroit Institute of Arts. There's also a contemporary art museum, a Motown museum and a museum of Detroit's history. The city's architecture spans Beaux Arts, Midcentury Modern, and Postmodernism. Thanks to grassroots efforts and private funding, the whole city has become an open-air gallery with public art installations and murals by artists across the globe.

The low cost of living in Detroit makes it an appealing place for artists and other creatives. Disused industrial space has been turned into studios as one example of the creative renaissance in Detroit.

Conde Nast recommends tasting all Detroit has to offer in its many neighborhoods. The Washington Post referred to Detroit as a "food mecca" saying it is in the midst of a culinary transformation with new restaurants, breweries, tasting rooms, cocktail bars, pop-up events and quirky lunch spots. Filling those tables both weeknights and weekends are employees of companies as Nike, Microsoft, Google, Twitter, Amazon, Lear, Quicken Loans and other mega-nationals that are revitalizing the downtown business. By filling previously vacant high-rise residential buildings, they are creating a lively after-hours scene, both in the immediate area and in inner-circle neighborhoods such as Corktown,

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Midtown, Capital Park and the Eastern Market.

Manufacturing remains the biggest area for employment gains within metro Detroit, jobs in professional and business segments, education, construction and health services, all increased in availability. The unemployment rate is currently the lowest Detroit has seen in 15 years.

Long recognized as a hub of innovation, CNN Money recognized Detroit as one of the “Top Ten Most Innovative Cities in America,” alongside Chicago, Boston and New York City. Detroit’s creative corridor is home to 4,000 creative sector employees, 200 creative sector companies, and \$640 million in aggregate annual revenues. Michigan has more industrial designers than any U.S. state per Bureau of Labor Statistics.

The College for Creative Studies is an equal opportunity employer. Employment decisions are made without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, disability, veteran status, or other characteristics protected by law.

How to Apply: Material review will begin immediately. Applications should include a cover letter noting major accomplishments and CV. You may apply directly at: <http://apptrkr.com/1103728>

Inquiries, referrals and nominations can be sent to: [support@acesrch.com](mailto:support@acesrch.com)

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