



Director of the Penn State School of Visual Arts

The Pennsylvania State University School of Visual Arts, College of Arts & Architecture at University Park, Pennsylvania, invites applications and nominations for the position of Director of the School of Visual Arts. The starting date for the position is July 1, 2010. Deadline to apply is October 15, 2009.

Deadline: **10/15/2009**

Work Unit: **Arts & Architecture**
 Department: **Penn State School of Visual Art**
 Job Number: **29649**

Director of the School of Visual Arts at The Pennsylvania State University

Responsibilities:

The Director provides leadership, articulating the School of Visual Arts's vision, goals and accomplishments aligned with its strategic plan to its many constituencies. The Director is responsible for promoting the local, national, and international visibility of the School, comprised of three programs: studio, art education, and interdisciplinary digital studio. The Director promotes excellence and diversity in a vibrant program within a major research university, builds bridges with the other disciplines in the College and University, and takes a leading role in recruitment and professional development of faculty and staff, strategic planning, and fund-raising. The Director reports to the Dean of the College of Arts & Architecture as a senior member of the administrative team, which functions in a collaborative and integrative manner across the teaching, research, and outreach functions of the College.

Qualifications: Applicants must hold a distinguished record of achievement in the visual arts and a terminal degree or professional equivalent that warrant a tenured appointment at the rank of full professor. The successful candidate will also bring to the position:

- High energy, excellent communication skills, a team spirit, and the ability to get things done
- Vision for the role and meaning of arts in contemporary society
- Knowledge of current trends in art, new media, and art education
- Evidence of substantial knowledge of teaching, research, and service through art and art education
- A commitment to shared vision, values, and governance
- Evidence of participation in or support for global initiatives in the areas of research, creative activities, and education
- Commitment to innovative and cross-disciplinary programs
- Evidence of effective support of faculty, staff, students, and administrators
- Commitment to an environment that advances diversity
- Effectiveness in recruitment/retention of diverse faculty and students, strategic planning, and accreditation

- Strong organizational, management, and budgeting skills
- Experience securing external funding

Starting Date: July 2010

Rank & Salary: Full professor, twelve month appointment, with salary that is highly competitive and commensurate with experience and qualifications.

The Pennsylvania State University:

The Pennsylvania State University is a land-grant research institution with approximately 43,000 students at the University Park campus and 40,000 students at the University's 23 additional campuses across Pennsylvania that educate students from Pennsylvania and beyond, improving the well-being and health of individuals and communities through integrated programs of teaching, research, and service. Our instructional mission includes undergraduate, graduate, professional, and continuing education offered through both resident and online educational programs. Our educational programs are enriched by the cutting edge knowledge and creativity of our faculty and the support of our staff.

The Penn State School of Visual Arts is located in the foothills of the Appalachian Mountain Range at University Park in the beautiful college town of State College in the center of Pennsylvania. State College has 40,000 inhabitants and offers a variety of cultural and outdoor recreational activities nearby. The University offers outstanding events from collegiate sporting events to arts productions and symposia. Major population centers on the east coast (New York, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Washington D.C., and Baltimore) are only a few hours drive away, and convenient air services to several major hubs are operated by four major airlines out of State College.

The College of Arts and Architecture is one of very few colleges in the United States that brings together under one administrative umbrella programs in the visual arts, performing arts, and design arts, including architecture and landscape architecture. Our faculty members frequently engage in interdisciplinary collaborations that enrich their teaching and ultimately expose our students to the diverse opportunities available in the arts and design disciplines. With consistently strong contributions to their fields by faculty, students, and alumni, many of our programs are considered among the nation's top tier, either by rankings or reputation.

Penn State School of Visual Arts:

Organized within the College of Arts and Architecture, the School plays an important role in the academic life of the university and in the community. The School offers a unique and diverse program of study within a comprehensive research university. The faculty and staff of the School are dedicated to providing the highest quality education for students at the undergraduate and graduate levels who wish to realize their potential in becoming the next generation of artists and scholars. Students who choose to study in the Penn State School of Visual Arts are able to develop a strong knowledge base through general education and interdisciplinary studies, which

they learn to apply in their art, teaching, and research. In doing so, they demonstrate the creative and intellectual significance of visual culture.

The Penn State School of Visual Arts offers four undergraduate degree programs including the Bachelor of Arts in Art (B.A.), Bachelor of Fine Arts in Art (B.F.A.), the Bachelor of Design in Interdisciplinary Digital Studio (B.Des.), and Bachelor of Science in Art Education (B.S.) in either the schools option or the museum and cultural institution option. In all four degree programs, students initially schedule foundation courses in studio, art history, and critical commentary on contemporary art, followed by intermediate experiences across the curriculum. Students then proceed to advanced levels of study in studio art, art education, or interdisciplinary digital studio. Entry into the B.F.A. degree program in an area of concentration is determined by a review of the student's placement portfolio by the School of Visual Arts faculty. Entry into the B.S. in Art Education schools option meets requirements of a 3.0 GPA and other stipulations of the Pennsylvania Board of Education and NCATE accreditation.

The Penn State School of Visual Arts offers four graduate degree programs including the Master of Fine Arts (M.F.A.), the Master of Education Degree in Art Education (M.Ed.), the Master of Science Degree in Art Education (M.S.), and the Doctor of Philosophy Degree in Art Education (Ph.D.).

The 35 faculty members of the School consist of professional artists, designers, and art educators who are leaders in their respective areas of research and creative work. Their interest and desire is to educate students in creating exciting and thought provoking ideas and images that respond to the world in which they live. In doing so, they believe that making art enables a significant form of creative and intellectual development in students. The Penn State School of Visual Arts plays an important role in the general education of Penn State students and it provides diverse opportunities for the professional education of artists, designers, and art educators. We invite you to consider these opportunities as you browse through our website at <http://www.sova.psu.edu/>

Application Deadline is October 15, 2009. Screening will begin October 15, 2009 and will continue until a suitable candidate is identified.

Application Procedure: Applicants should submit a letter addressing their qualifications relative to the responsibilities specified above; a current curriculum vitae; and the name, address, email, and phone number of three (3) references. Please submit materials to: Dean Barbara Korner, College of Arts & Architecture, The Pennsylvania State University, 114 Borland, University Park, PA 16802.

Penn State is committed to affirmative action, equal opportunity, and the diversity of its workforce.