

**Professor, Department Chair
Department of Landscape Architecture at Rutgers
The State University of New Jersey**

The Department of Landscape Architecture at Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, seeks candidates for a Full Professor to serve as its Department Chair, to begin Sept. 1, 2016. We seek a faculty colleague who will lead in the ongoing advancement of the department; contribute in meaningful ways to the interdisciplinary teaching, scholarship and service mission of the School of Environmental and Biological Sciences; and create links and collaborative opportunities throughout Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey.

The Department of Landscape Architecture at Rutgers is enjoying a period of growth and development that promises to make it a leading program in the nation. The department includes two expanding undergraduate majors – a Bachelor of Science in Landscape Architecture (accredited) and a Bachelor of Science in Environmental Planning and Design – plus a Masters of Landscape Architecture program (accredited). Faculty in the department provide a rich suite of expertise and scholarly work, including landscape design, wetland restoration, geo-design, mid-century landscape architecture, ecological design, urban agriculture, post-industrial sites, green technology, and much more. In addition, experts and professionals from nearby New York City and Philadelphia often contribute through teaching, reviews, lectures, and fieldtrips. Department alumni are actively engaged and supportive of the department. The department enjoys a very supportive relationship with the New Jersey Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects. The capacity of the department has been significantly enabled by a recent renovation of Blake Hall, as well as ongoing development of educational and outreach opportunities at Rutgers Gardens.

With its academic home in the School of Environmental and Biological Sciences, the department enjoys strong connections with environmental science, ecology, agriculture and other scientific and applied approaches to the study of the natural and built environment. The Center for Urban Environmental Sustainability (CUES), co-sponsored by Landscape Architecture and Environmental Science, enables faculty and students who are interested in working with local communities to address crucial environmental and social issues. The Department also has a special relationship with the James Rose Center, headquartered in the historic home of the modernist landscape architect after whom it is named in Ridgewood, NJ, whose mission to transform residential suburbia into a more sustainable and humane place dovetails with primary departmental goals.

A member and active participant within the department's dynamic faculty, the Chair leads in setting the tone and enabling rich discourse on the capacity of design and planning to solve contemporary problems. The Chair is responsible for department-level administration and program development and represents the department to School and University administration. Vision, organization, and good communication skills are essential characteristics of a successful Chair. The Chair is a contributing member of the academic community and is expected to have a clearly articulated scholarly agenda and track record of notable scholarly and/or creative work appropriate for a Full Professor at an AAU university. Through teaching – in both the graduate and undergraduate program – the Chair will expand the capacity of the department and engage with its students. Preference will be given to candidates whose scholarly and teaching

activities complement the long-term direction of the Department, support the mission-oriented research programs of the NJ Agricultural Experiment Station, and are supportive and consistent with the growth of both the graduate and undergraduate programs. Active engagement in service to the department, university and community is expected.

Qualifications

A candidate must have demonstrated expertise and leadership experience in landscape architecture or environmental planning and the vision and capacity to lead the Rutgers Landscape Architecture Program into an unprecedented future. A multi-disciplinary perspective is considered an asset, with an advanced terminal degree in landscape architecture, architecture, planning, geography, or other field. A Ph.D. in landscape architecture, environmental planning, or related subject is preferred. The position would suit a wide variety of scholarly areas, however the candidate must have evidence of peer reviewed scholarly work such as peer reviewed published works, competitive grants, critically reviewed built works, and/or national or international design awards. The candidate must have experience working in a collaborative multidisciplinary academic community that includes science, humanities, social sciences, and arts. Given the department's strength in engaged teaching, the candidate should have the capacity and desire to engage with diverse communities in New Jersey. The ideal candidate would have experience and/or capacity to assist in outreach and fundraising.

Process

Active review of materials will begin January 8, 2016 and continue until the position is filled. The successful candidate is anticipated to begin on September 1, 2016. Candidates should electronically submit a letter of application, CV, personal statement, and names and contact information of three references to: LAsearch@sebs.rutgers.edu

Letters should be addressed to:

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