Dean: College of Art and Architecture
Executive Summary

The University of Idaho invites applications and nominations for an innovative, collaborative, and visionary Dean to lead the College of Art & Architecture in its mission of being an internationally respected, student-centered institution. The Dean should effectively promote and foster academic excellence, grow undergraduate and graduate enrollment, expand research, guide and implement strategic planning, engage with key constituencies and stakeholders, and raise funds for the College.
Position Summary

The dean has responsibility to oversee and implement policies and priorities of the college and university. The Dean for the College of Art and Architecture leads the college faculty in the development of policies and priorities governing the academic programs of the college. The dean facilitates the appropriate inclusion of faculty, staff, students, and stakeholders in the college decision-making processes. The academic programs of the college are directly affected by program planning, definitions of goals and priorities, instructional methods and standards, student advising, mutually beneficial partnerships with stakeholders, research policies, allocation of resources, fund-raising, and the development of professional standards related to the branches of learning for which the college is responsible. The academic programs of the college include undergraduate and graduate instruction, research and creative activity, and extension services. It is expected that the dean satisfactorily employs strategies to implement objectives and achieve the University’s strategic goals while carrying out the mission of the college.

Qualifications

Required Qualifications

- An earned terminal degree from an accredited university in a discipline appropriate to the college.
- Accomplishments and experience to merit an appointment with tenure and rank of full professor.
- Academic leadership experience including: personnel management (faculty and staff), resource management (finances, facilities, equipment, etc.), and quality academic programming / delivery.
- Evidence of original initiatives focused on improving excellence in teaching, research, outreach, mentoring, and/or student success.
Preferred Qualifications

- Experience with strategic planning and visioning to successfully address change, managing program/professional-level accreditation and program assessment, increasing student enrollment, and attracting and retaining a diverse student and employee population.

- Interpersonal and communication skills to develop, maintain, and work successfully with faculty, staff, department administrators, peer colleagues, students, alumni, and other stakeholders.

- Experience developing and advancing philanthropic opportunities, economic development, extramurally funded research, or other fundraising efforts.
Delivering on the university’s land-grant mission, the College of Art and Architecture contributes to the well-being of statewide and global communities through innovative design education that safeguards sustainability, economic resiliency, cultural vibrancy and the common good. Our faculty and graduates’ leading-edge work emerges from an arts foundation, a strong commitment to design integration and disciplinary specificity with an aim to create environments that enrich our communities and our world.

The College of Art and Architecture strives to empower the next generation of artists and designers to positively impact a rapidly changing world in one of the fastest growing states in the nation. We design with communities and industry partners, conduct hands-on research and infuse our work with empathy, storytelling, placemaking and creativity.

The college prides itself on offering an array of galleries, centers, and outreach programs around the state, as well as around the world. The diversity of student opportunities offered through the college is representative of the mission to empower the next generation of creative makers and prepare them for the challenges of the future. The College of Art and Architecture offers both undergraduate and graduate degrees through its five academic programs (Architecture, Art + Design, Interior Architecture & Design, Landscape Architecture, and Virtual Technology & Design).

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Founded in 1889, the University of Idaho is the state’s land-grant institution and its principal graduate education and research university, bringing insight and innovation to the state, the nation, and the world. The student population numbers more than 12,000, including first-generation college students and ethnically diverse scholars, at locations in Moscow, Boise, Coeur d’Alene, and Idaho Falls. As the only institution in the state to be classified by the prestigious Carnegie Foundation as “higher research activity,” University researchers expended over $109 million in expenditures last year.

Consistently recognized as one of the best public colleges in the United States by The Princeton Review, and a noted national leader in student-centered learning and interdisciplinary research that promotes public service, the University combines the strength of a large university with the intimacy of small learning communities and a focus on helping students succeed and become leaders. Over 2,500 faculty and staff support and guide 120 Bachelor’s, 83 Master’s, and 33 doctoral degree options in the colleges of Agricultural and Life Sciences; Art and Architecture; Business and Economics; Education, Health and Human Sciences; Engineering; Law; Letters, Arts, and Social Sciences; Natural Resources; and Science. Through an institution-wide commitment to diversity, multiculturalism, and community, the University of Idaho actively engages in recruiting and retaining a diverse workforce and student body.

The University is a dynamic and integral part of the fabric of Idaho, and, as such, plays a key role in the state’s economic development. With extension offices in 42 counties, the University is committed to enhancing the scientific,
economic, social, legal, and cultural assets of the state and takes pride in a commitment to teaching, research, agriculture, outreach, extension, and collaboration. The University provides access to publicly supported medical education through a multi-state partnership with University of Washington’s School of Medicine, and the UI College of Law is among the nation’s best small state public law schools. Unique academic partnership opportunities are also afforded with other universities and colleges in Idaho, as well as Washington State University, located only 8 miles away in Pullman, Washington.

The residential campus located in Moscow is a place of transformation and lasting traditions. With more than 200 student groups and a vibrant culture, the University is home to the renowned Lionel Hampton International Jazz Festival, for which UI became the first public university to receive the National Medal of Arts, the nation’s highest arts honor. Vandal athletic teams compete in 14 men’s and women’s NCAA Division I sports. Competing in the Big Sky Conference, the Vandals are reigning conference champions in women’s basketball, women’s golf, men’s golf, women’s soccer, and women’s tennis.

For additional information about the University of Idaho, please view the website links below:
Homepage (http://www.uidaho.edu)
Leadership (https://www.uidaho.edu/about/leadership)
Strategic Plan 2016-2025 (http://www.uidaho.edu/provost/strategic-plan)
Just minutes away from the forests, rivers, lakes, and mountains of northern Idaho, Moscow is home to approximately 25,000 residents and the urban amenities of the Coeur d’Alene-Spokane metropolitan area are within a 100-mile drive. In addition to art galleries, movie theaters, and coffee shops, Moscow offers a large organic and natural foods co-op, Northwest-style pubs, and many locally-owned restaurants.

Moscow is known as the “heart of the arts” for its consistent ranking among the top small arts towns in America. The Lionel Hampton Jazz Festival brings some of the world’s best jazz artists, along with 20,000 visitors each year. The ARTWALK, Rendezvous in the Park concert series, and the Prichard Art Gallery are a few examples of its dedication to the arts. The downtown Farmer’s Market, which runs late spring to early fall, is one of the nation’s longest running and thriving outdoor markets. In 2016 Moscow was named one of the top 50 ‘Best College Towns in America’ by College Rank for its access to outdoor recreation, vibrant downtown, and cultural attractions. In 2019 Livability ranked Moscow as the number one city in the U.S. for raising a family for the second year in a row.

Moscow is surrounded by the rolling Palouse hills, an area so picturesque it was featured in National Geographic magazine. Reflective of these surroundings, the University ranked in the top 30 in the nation as a “great university to hit the books and backcountry” by Outside magazine. Living and learning in Moscow is just minutes from opportunities for hiking, fishing, biking, climbing, skiing, snowboarding, whitewater rafting, camping, and more.
To submit an application, please visit www.uidaho.edu/provost/administrative-searches/caa. If you have a candidate in mind whom you believe would excel in this position please send that individuals name and contact information to Marc Chopin; mchopin@uidaho.edu.