

Dean of the School of Architecture and Design
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Job Title Dean of the School of Architecture and Design

Department Architecture Design

Institution University of Kansas
Lawrence, Kansas

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Position Start Date Available immediately

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Academic Field(s) Architectural (Building & Construction)

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Job Description

Position Overview continued:

The Department of Design has a rich history of educating leaders in professional practice in the areas of Visual Communication, Industrial Design, Illustration, and Photography, with a strong emphasis on professional practice and application of design thinking, making and visualization. Since its founding in 1921, the Department has prepared students to create meaningful, beautiful, and innovative human-

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centered solutions that enhance the quality of everyday life. Our nationally recognized undergraduate and graduate programs, versatile studios and Center for Design Research collaborate with industry leaders such as Garmin International, Ford Motor Company, National Park Service, GoogleUX, Microsoft PowerBI, Adidas, Newell Rubbermaid, and Stanley Black & Decker, as well as non-profit, community and cultural institutions. The engaged research and professional expertise of the department's award-winning faculty extends the mission of the University across our local, national and global design communities, while creating a dynamic academic environment with a focus on learning by doing. The Department offers a rich culture of interdisciplinary sponsored studios that enhance student learning by means of collaborative project-based experiences. These include community and professional partnerships, design charettes, sponsored internships, immersive study abroad opportunities, and a robust Hallmark Lecture series that connects students to a diverse cohort of international art and design practitioners.

Situated in the picturesque, historic, and culturally vibrant city of Lawrence, and located approximately 40 miles from downtown Kansas City, the School of Architecture and Design plays a central role in the life of the University of Kansas. Founded in 1865, KU is a designated Carnegie comprehensive doctoral / Research I University and one of only 36 public members of the prestigious Association of American Universities (AAU). The University enrolls more than 27,000 students and offers students and faculty opportunities to collaborate in its graduate and professional programs which include education, public health, medicine, law, and a number of allied social science disciplines. The University of Kansas is the largest of six public universities governed by the Kansas Board of Regents. KU is committed to excellence and fosters a multicultural environment in which the dignity and rights of every individual are respected.

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The University of Kansas' Jayhawks Rising strategic plan guides our faculty, staff and students in achieving our vision is to create an exceptional learning community that lifts each other and advances society. Our mission is to educate leaders, build healthy communities, and make discoveries that change the world. With annual research expenditures exceeding \$275 million and an endowment of more than \$1 billion, the University's mission to build healthier communities is particularly embraced by the faculty, staff, and students in the School of Architecture and Design. Buoyed by the reputation and productivity of faculty and staff, and by the enduring support of its alumni and agency partners in Kansas and beyond, the School of Architecture and Design offers an exciting and attractive environment in which to work.

The ideal candidate for the next Dean of the School of Architecture and Design is someone who values innovation and discovery, understands the foundations of both design and architecture, is a consensus-builder and collaborator, demonstrates competencies in successful budget planning and fundraising, and will advocate on behalf of the school with alumni and industry.

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Duties of the Dean

- * Provides leadership, strategy, and vision to the School of Architecture and Design that aligns with the University's mission and strategic plan.
- * Advocates the distinctive nature of the School and its disciplinary foci to the university and wider community.
- * Establishes and strengthens collaborations with the professions, alumni, and the broader community.
- * Works to expand and maintain networks and strategic partnerships with industry and key constituents.
- * Leads the fundraising efforts and secures financial support in partnership with KU Endowment.
- * Develops, balances, and administers a viable budgetary strategy for the School to maintain various program accreditation requirements, strategic research initiatives, and experiential learning experiences.
- * Develops and implements a sustainable, student-focused strategy in meeting the School's resources, personnel, facilities, accreditation, programming, and other needs.
- * Fosters a climate of collaboration in the School community and supports a positive scholarly environment that focuses upon excellence in research, teaching, and service that values and continually enhances a climate of diversity, inclusion, equity and belonging.
- * Creates, designs, and utilizes data to make strategic leadership decisions for the School and its future growth.
- * Models stewardship in providing direction and oversight of School's personnel and resources.
- * Develops a talent strategy to recruit, retain, develop, and promote excellence and productivity in faculty and staff.
- * Promotes the visibility and impact of the School and its community within national and international contexts.

Contact Information

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