

TENURE TRACK ASSISTANT PROFESSOR

City & Metropolitan Planning

University of Utah

Job Description:

The Department of City & Metropolitan Planning at the University of Utah invites applications for a tenure-track assistant professor position to begin in Fall 2020. We seek a colleague with a commitment to excellence in teaching and demonstrated ability to obtain research funding and publish high-quality peer-reviewed research.

We invite applicants who have expertise in health and planning or planning for healthy communities. In particular, we are interested in candidates whose work occurs at the intersection of planning for diverse populations and topics such as active transportation, aging, ecological planning, economic development, food systems, housing, and public health. The successful candidate will have the capability to work across a range of scales from the neighborhood to the region, potentially addressing issues related to the Intermountain West and engaging local urban and rural communities. We desire candidates interested in collaborating with local indigenous communities through our College's DesignBuildBluff Program and/or with immigrants and Latin/x communities in the West Side of Salt Lake City through University Neighborhood Partners. A doctoral degree in planning or a related field (e.g. landscape architecture, social ecology, public health, urban geography, urban studies, ethnic studies) is required by July 1, 2020.

The successful candidate will join a dynamic group of engaged faculty members who are recognized leaders in their fields and place a high value on collaboration and collegiality. This person will also benefit from the strong commitment of the University of Utah to issues of sustainability and interdisciplinary initiatives. The Department's BA/BS undergraduate degree in Urban Ecology focuses on exploring the interrelationships among social, environmental and economic systems, with an aim toward enhancing the vitality and sustainability of places and communities. The Urban Ecology degree is also taught at the Utah Asia Campus in Songdo, South Korea. The Master of City and Metropolitan Planning (MCMP) is an accredited professional degree with an emphasis on ecological resiliency, smart growth, and social justice through effective communication, collaboration, and innovation. The Ph.D. in Metropolitan Planning, Policy and Design is research-focused with a 100% success rate in placing graduates in tenure-track positions. The department also offers a Master of Real Estate Development (with School of Business) and Graduate Certificates in Urban Design, Historic Preservation, and Real Estate Development. Applicants are encouraged to consult the department website at <http://www.plan.utah.edu/>.

The University of Utah, a Research I university and the flagship institution of the state higher education system, is located in Salt Lake City, which is ranked among the nation's ten most livable cities and best college towns. Its quality of life is enhanced by a reasonable cost of living, beautiful scenery, year-round outdoor recreational opportunities, convenient transit, and an impressively cosmopolitan and diverse population. Salt Lake County, the state's largest and characterized as one of the nation's fastest growing "mega" counties, is among the national leaders in many "creative class" measures. Utah is projected to be the nation's fastest growing state between 2010 and 2040 with many opportunities for planning professionals. The University of Utah ranks among the world's top 100 universities and the top 25 public universities in the US. It also enjoys a stable financial environment compared to many other universities.

Qualified applicants should submit a cover letter, curriculum vita, teaching statement, and a list of four references (with e-mail addresses and phone numbers) to <http://utah.peopleadmin.com/postings/98130>. Review of applications will begin on Nov 12, 2019 and will remain open until filled. The appointment will begin July 1, 2020. Please address questions regarding this position to Dr. Divya Chandrasekhar the search committee chair at CHANDRASEKHAR@arch.utah.edu.

The University of Utah values candidates who have experience working in settings with students from diverse backgrounds, and possess a strong commitment to improving access to higher education for historically underrepresented students.

EEO/Diversity Information

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Notice

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