



**Dean, School of Design and Media
Philadelphia University**

The Opportunity

Philadelphia University seeks a creative and energetic leader to serve as its new Dean for the School of Design and Media. The School plays a central role in the fulfillment of the University's academic potential. It is a visible powerhouse of creativity, exemplifying the best of Philadelphia University.

The ideal candidate will be a proven innovator who has the capacity to think broadly about design and its social, cultural, political, and economic dimensions. The candidate will be a paradigm shifter who views design as artifact, process, and strategy, and will be passionate about developing interdisciplinary curricula that weaves together these strands in new ways. Finally, the ideal candidate will be ambitious and eager to bring the School of Design and Media to national prominence.

The Dean will be a leader in designing a curricular initiative derived from the University's 2008-2013 Strategic Plan that integrates design, engineering, and business. This initiative will prepare graduates to excel in their discipline and to lead in multi-disciplinary, professional environments. The Dean will also implement key academic initiatives, specifically other facets of the Strategic Plan; manage the School's budget, and assist in fundraising to help advance the School.

The School of Design and Media encompasses programs in graphic design communication, industrial design, interactive design, and digital animation; the University is also in the process of conducting a rigorous self-study to explore if there are additional synergies possible by reorganizing historically-strong programs in fashion design and textile design into the School of Design and Media.

Responsibilities

The Dean's responsibilities include:

- Exercise vision and leadership in scholarly/creative activities, faculty development, and curricular matters for both undergraduate and graduate programs;
- Encourage and support faculty in the development of innovative teaching and curriculum design to improve teaching and learning;
- Play a leading role in developing relationships with the external community, businesses, government, accrediting agencies, and seek external support;
- Articulate the School's vision in terms of measurable goals and enlist the support of essential constituencies;
- Attract and retain faculty of the highest caliber and provide them with long-term career incentives and an environment conducive to their professional development;
- Secure internal and external funding in support of the school's strategic goals;
- Strengthen the school's national and international network, to encourage innovative, technology-empowered collaborations and to develop a global academic discourse; and
- Maintain and strengthen relationships within the university, including the development of interdisciplinary collaboration across the campus.



Qualifications

Qualified applicants must hold a terminal degree appropriate to the School's disciplines with experience in teaching, research, business, and with significant creative accomplishments. In addition, the Dean must demonstrate academic administrative and budgetary experience. The successful candidate will possess an open and collegial personal style that invites dialogue and encourages the constructive exchange of views. He/she should be a team player, as the finalist candidate will be part of a close, senior leadership team. He/she should have a demonstrated talent for maximizing the value of a creative organization and have a personal style that flourishes among and supports and manages creative people well. Candidates should have a history of achievement gained through collaboration, an appreciation for both professional and liberal arts education and an enthusiastic commitment to the blending of student, academic, and career aspirations into a complementary set of objectives.

Starting Date

July 1, 2010

Application Process

All applications and nominations will be held in the strictest of confidence. Review of potential candidates will begin immediately. Applications should include a resume or curricula vitae, a letter of interest, and references. Email materials to DesignandMediaJobs@PhilaU.edu or mail to Philadelphia University, Attention President's Office, Dean of the School of Design and Media Search Committee, Philadelphia University, School House Lane & Henry Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19144-5497.

About Philadelphia University

Founded in 1884, Philadelphia University is a private university with 3,400 part- and full-time students from 38 states and 30 countries. The University offers more than 50 undergraduate, graduate and doctoral degree programs leading to the Bachelor of Science, Bachelor of Architecture, Bachelor of Landscape Architecture, master's degrees and a doctoral degree in Textile Engineering and Science.

Philadelphia University has six undergraduate schools which include: the School of Architecture; the School of Business Administration; the School of Design and Media; the School of Engineering and Textiles; the School of Liberal Arts; and the School of Science and Health. The University embraces an interdisciplinary approach to academics, distinctively blending the professional studies and the liberal arts and sciences, which prepares students for success in a global economy and the digital environment.

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