UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, SANTA CRUZ
DEAN OF ARTS

The University of California, Santa Cruz invites applications for the position of Dean of the Arts Division. UC Santa Cruz has earned national and international recognition for quality research and world-class teaching. Faculty, researchers, and students enjoy an exciting environment and the opportunity to work across disciplinary boundaries as they approach today's most challenging problems. The Dean provides intellectual and academic leadership in the instructional and research missions of the Arts Division and serves as the division's chief executive, representative, and administrator, with responsibility for a full range of activities associated with the management and promotion of the excellence of the academic and research missions of the division. As academic unit heads, Deans are persons of scholarly and professional accomplishment. The University encourages their continued engagement as academics in scholarly, professional, teaching, and University service activities, consistent with, but distinct from, their decanal responsibilities. A Dean shall be a tenured member of the faculty.

The Arts Division comprises five academic departments including Art, Film and Digital Media, History of Art and Visual Culture, Music, and Theatre Arts which grant seven Bachelor’s degrees, three Master’s of Art, one Master of Fine Arts, and four doctoral degrees. Departments and programs focus on critical thinking, history, production, practice, and performance. Student course-work encompasses a depth and breadth -- uncommon across the country -- particularly at the undergraduate level.

Arts Division faculty research spans multiple fields of study and is supported by: The Arts Research Institute; the Arts Dean’s Fund for Excellence; seven active Arts research centers: the Center for Documentary Arts and Research, Center for Force Majeure Studies, Creative Ecologies, Earth Lab, Innovation and Design Lab, OpenLab Network, and Social Practice Arts Research Center, as well as a unique Institute for the Arts and Sciences which is being launched. State-of-the-art facilities include: experimental media, photography, and computer labs, music recital hall and electronic music studios, professionally equipped theaters, recording facilities and editing suites, studios for filmmaking, painting, print-making, drama, and dance, surround-sound screening theaters, and the only metal foundry in the UC system. Professional exhibition spaces include the Sesnon Gallery. Further information about the Arts Division can be found by visiting arts.ucsc.edu.

RESPONSIBILITIES: The Dean provides strategic vision and manages the academic leadership of the division, oversees the all division resources, fundraising, promotion and retention of faculty and staff, guides the development and oversight of undergraduate and graduate curriculum and degree programs, and works with campus administration and the Academic Senate on campuswide decisions and policies. A description of the essential functions and duties of this position can be accessed at: http://cpevc.ucsc.edu/organization/leadership-searches/dean-arts/index.html

BASIC QUALIFICATIONS

- Demonstrated academic administrative leadership (e.g., Department Chair, Institute Director);
- National or international distinction as a scholar, researcher/practitioner and educator with a record necessary for a position as a tenured professor in the Division of the Arts.

PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS

- Experience fostering interdisciplinary research and education, including the development of new programs;
- Demonstrated ability to work and communicate effectively with administrators, faculty, students, and staff in an environment of shared governance;
- Appreciation for the mission and responsibilities of a university serving a multi-ethnic state and a demonstrated commitment to diversity;
- Potential for success in fund-raising and securing external support; and
- Ability to cultivate and develop positive relations with internal and external constituents including alumni, and members of the community and industry, locally and beyond.

SALARY: This is a full-time, fiscal year appointment. Salary will be commensurate with qualifications and experience.

POSITION AVAILABLE: January 1, 2017, or as soon as possible thereafter. The initial decanal appointment will be for five years with the possibility of renewal. The professorial appointment will be as a tenured faculty member. This position is subject to the financial disclosure requirements of the California Reform Act of 1974 and background check. Additional information about decanal appointments can be found in the policy on academic deans: http://apo.ucsc.edu/policy/capm/300.240.html.

TO APPLY: Applications are accepted via email to the search firm Witt/Kieffer UCSCArtsDean@wittkieffer.com and must include: a brief statement of interest and qualifications and current curriculum vitae. Applicants are invited to submit a statement addressing their contributions to diversity through professional contributions, research, teaching, and/or service. Documents/materials must be submitted as PDF files. Please refer to position #JPF00342 in all correspondence.

CLOSING DATE: To be considered at the initial screening, application materials must be received by March 18, 2016. Applications will be received until the position is filled.

For further information, contact Jennifer Biehn and Monica Burton at UCSCArtsDean@wittkieffer.com.

UC Santa Cruz is nestled within 2,000 acres of redwood forest and meadows, overlooking the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary of California’s beautiful Central Coast, about 70 miles from San Francisco and 30 miles from Silicon Valley. Information about UC Santa Cruz is available on our Website at http://www.ucsc.edu.

UC Santa Cruz faculty make significant contributions to the body of research that has earned the University of California the ranking as the foremost public higher education institution in the world. In the process, our faculty demonstrate that cutting-edge research, excellent teaching and outstanding service are mutually supportive.

The University is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer. All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, disability, age, or protected veteran status. UC Santa Cruz is committed to excellence through diversity and strives to establish a climate that welcomes, celebrates, and promotes respect for the contributions of all students and employees. Inquiries regarding the University's equal opportunity employment policies may be directed to: Office for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion at the University of California, Santa Cruz, CA 95064; (831) 459-2886.

Under Federal law, the University of California may employ only individuals who are legally able to work in the United States as established by providing documents as specified in the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986. Certain UCSC positions funded by federal contracts or sub-contracts require the selected candidate to pass an E-Verify check. More information is available here or from the Academic Personnel Office (APO) at (831) 459-4300.

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If you need accommodation due to a disability, please contact the Academic Personnel Office at apo@ucsc.edu (831) 459-4300.

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