

USC SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE

DIRECTOR OF HERITAGE CONSERVATION

POSITION DESCRIPTION / SEPTEMBER 2021

The University of Southern California's School of Architecture seeks a Director for our Master of Heritage Conservation Program at the rank of Associate or Full Professor. The position will be a full-time, tenured appointment.

Established in 2002, the USC Master of Heritage Conservation program is one of only two on the West Coast, and the only one of its kind in California. It is located within the School of Architecture on the USC campus in the heart of downtown Los Angeles.

The program encourages our faculty and students to engage directly with the rich and diverse history of the city as well as the Southern California region and the Pacific Rim. It is committed to the expansion of traditional conservation practices to address the most pressing challenges of the 21st century. These include the development of innovative new approaches to cultural heritage and methods for communicating these ideas both to established conservation practitioners as well as new and underrepresented constituencies; addressing climate change and sustainability; examining cultural and social equity/heritage justice; recognizing intangible cultural heritage; and promoting economic redevelopment, creative rehabilitation, and re-use both nationally and internationally. The program offers dual graduate degrees with Urban Planning, Landscape Architecture, and Building Science, and sustains strong academic relationships with the Sol Price School of Public Policy and the Dornsife College of Letters, Arts and Sciences.

Requirements for this position include a terminal degree in historic preservation/heritage conservation, architecture, landscape architecture, architectural history, city and regional planning, public history, or American studies. The candidate's work should exhibit a high level of expertise in heritage conservation, an established record of exceptional teaching, and academic or professional credentials appropriate to national and international leadership in the field, and commensurate with the rank of tenured associate or full professor. A Ph.D. is preferred.

The MHC Director is expected to possess strong leadership and management skills and to work with the Dean and the School's faculty to strengthen the program's mission; expand its current academic excellence; increase the resources available for research, including cross-disciplinary initiatives; and develop internship opportunities and alumni connections.

In addition to teaching, the Director's full-time appointment includes administrative responsibilities such as overseeing program recruitment, managing thesis committees, and providing student advisement for degree progress. For more information, see the [program website](#).



THE USC SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE

With over 700 students, 100 faculty members, 3 accredited professional degree programs, and 2 graduate, post-professional degree programs, USC's School of Architecture is one of the largest and most diverse in the country. It is committed to creating a diverse community of students, faculty and staff who embody the school's ethos of being courageous, committed and connected in seeking to answer the call for social and racial equity. Our community pledges to be accountable to ensure progress in developing and creating a diverse community, maintaining an inclusive spirit, and embedding into our core enterprise—teaching, learning, researching, and creating innovative and diverse intellectual interventions that expand our collective sense of purpose and belonging.

ABOUT THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

The University of Southern California is one of the world's leading private research universities. An anchor institution in Los Angeles and a global center for the arts, technology, and international business, USC provides diverse curricular offerings and extensive opportunities for interdisciplinary study and collaboration with leading researchers in highly advanced learning environments.

In a comprehensive new study by The Wall Street Journal and Times Higher Education, USC ranked 15thth out of 1,061 public and private universities in the United States and tied for second place with Columbia University for student and faculty diversity. Among California schools, only USC, Stanford, and Caltech appeared in the top 25, and of 150 colleges and universities in the western United States, USC ranked third.

APPLICATION MATERIALS

Please include:

- Letter of interest;
- Curriculum vitae;
- Statement on Diversity describing how the candidate's research, teaching, outreach, and/or experience engage with diversity issues (2 pages maximum);
- Statement of Teaching Philosophy describing pedagogical approach and experience, as well as how to teach across disciplines (2 pages maximum);
- Statement of Creative Practice/Research;
- Portfolio/publications; 10 MB max; and
- Names and contact information of 3-5 references.

Please apply online through the [USC Careers site](#). Reference: REQ20106834

Review of applications will begin on October 15, 2021. The position will remain open until filled.

The University of Southern California is committed to establishing a culturally and intellectually diverse environment, encouraging all members of our learning community to reach their full potential.

The University of Southern California is an equal opportunity employer. All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to age, ancestry, color, disability, ethnicity, gender identity or expression, genetic information, HIV/AIDS status, military status, national origin, race, religion, sex, gender, sexual orientation, pregnancy, protected veteran status, or any other bases under the law.