

Search Advisory Committee

for the Department Head for the
Department of Construction Science in the College of Architecture
Texas A&M University



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DEPARTMENT HEAD

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Applications and nominations are invited for the position of *Department Head* (DH) of the *Department of Construction Science* (COSC) in the *College of Architecture* (CARC) at *Texas A&M University* (TAMU). Located in College Station, Texas, TAMU is about 90 miles northwest of Houston and about 100 miles northeast of Austin, within a three-hour drive from Dallas, San Antonio, and Galveston. TAMU's main campus is home to over 64,000 students, with more than 436,000 former students worldwide. As an incubator for knowledge creation and an exemplar in experiential teaching, TAMU is one of two Tier 1 public universities in Texas and a member of the *Association of American Universities* (AAU), as well as a designated *Land-grant, Sea-grant, and Space-grant* institution. More information on TAMU is available at: <http://www.tamu.edu/>

COSC is one of the largest and best programs of construction higher education in the world. Currently, the Department has: (1) a student population composed of 1,050 students at the Bachelor's level, 50 students at the Master's level, and several doctoral level students with an emphasis in construction, who are matriculated under the Ph.D. Program in the Department of Architecture; (2) 33 faculty members ranging in rank from Professor to non-tenure track appointments, served by a staff of six; (3) the support of a *Construction Industry Advisory Council* (CIAC), composed of approximately 190 construction and construction related companies; and (4) the Charles Dewey McMullan Endowed Chair designated for the DH of COSC, and six endowed professorships. COSC's undergraduate program has been continuously accredited by the American Council for Construction Education (ACCE) since 1978, and in 2012, the master's program in Construction Management was the first graduate program accredited by ACCE. Each year, the Department awards over \$500,000 dollars in scholarships due to the support of our industry partners, and conducts the largest department level career fair at TAMU, with approximately 175 companies participating in a Career Fair each semester. The Department is located in Francis Hall, a newly renovated 35,000sf historic building located in the heart of the campus, the only standalone building for construction education in the State of Texas. More information on COSC is available at: <http://cosc.arch.tamu.edu/>.

COSC is currently the largest of the four departments within CARC at TAMU (the other three departments are Architecture, Landscape Architecture and Urban Planning, and Visualization). The College offers 16 academic degree programs at undergraduate, graduate, and doctoral levels, to almost 2,900 undergraduate and graduate students, and has over 140 faculty members, and about 60 staff members. The College is also the home of (1) five research centers (Hazard Reduction and Recovery, Health Systems and Design, Heritage Conservation, Housing and Urban Development, and Leadership and Management in the Design and Construction Industry); (2) two institutes (Applied Creativity, and Sustainable Coastal Communities, a partnership between TAMU's main campus in College Station and TAMU's campus in Galveston); (3) several laboratories and research groups/units addressing specific knowledge domains; (4) two special extension programs (the Colonias Program, and the Texas Target Communities Program); and (5) a hands-on research/education fabrication and demonstration facility on a 13-acre site and a 10,000 sq. ft.

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facility at the Texas A&M System RELLIS Campus at Riverside, complemented by a woodshop/maker space at TAMU. The College is committed to global education, through several study abroad programs spread around the world, including programs in Italy, Spain, Germany, England, and special programs in various countries. More information on COSC is available at: <http://www.arch.tamu.edu/>

The successful candidate will bring vision and leadership to maintain excellence with respect to the research, teaching, and service missions of the Department, and will demonstrate significant evidence of accomplishment in:

- Effective leadership and management of construction research and education programs, with active engagement with construction industry and practice, and within a multi-disciplinary environment such as CARC and TAMU
- Interdisciplinary education, research, and scholarship activities
- Entrepreneurial spirit and vision to navigate and lead change in education and practice in the construction industry
- Strategic and effective management and administration of human and financial resources
- Advocacy for construction education and practice within the University and the industry
- Seeking and securing financial support of departmental activities from external sources

Qualifications of candidates must include:

- A Master's level graduate degree in a field relevant to the scope of academic activities of the Department (a Ph.D. degree is a plus)
- Demonstrated knowledge, experience, and record of excellence in education and/or practice within the construction industry in the U.S. or internationally
- Proven capability to teach graduate and/or undergraduate courses within the portfolio of courses offered in the Department
- Credentials that merit appointment at the rank of Associate Professor or Professor

Applications should include a letter of interest that addresses administrative experience, leadership philosophy, and vision of construction education; a curriculum vita; and contact information (name, address, phone number and email) for at least five references. The Search Advisory Committee may request additional materials. To ensure full consideration, inquiries, nominations, and applications should be submitted by October 15, 2016, in confidence, to:

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Texas A&M University is an equal opportunity, affirmative action employer strongly committed to achieving excellence through cultural diversity. The University actively encourages applications from women, minorities and persons with disabilities. The University is also responsive to the needs of dual career couples.