

**DIRECTOR – SCHOOL OF DESIGN AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**  
**Davis College of Agriculture, Natural Resources and Design**  
**West Virginia University, Morgantown WV 26506**

**Position:** The School of Design and Community Development (DCD) in the Davis College of Agriculture, Natural Resources, and Design (<http://www.davis.wvu.edu/>) at West Virginia University is searching for a candidate to fill the leadership position of School Director and professor with tenure. The position is a 12-month administrative appointment (9-month tenure base) with options for limited teaching and research, reporting to the Dean. The School of DCD (<http://designcomm.wvu.edu/>) with ca. 30 faculty and staff and 475 undergraduate and 35 graduate students is a newly formed unit comprised of the college's longstanding academic units of Landscape Architecture (accredited), Interior Design (accredited), Agricultural and Extension Education (accredited), Fashion, Dress, and Merchandising, and Design Studies. West Virginia University is the state's Land Grant University with an enrollment of nearly 32,000 students and a Carnegie Classification of High Research. The Davis College overall has 110 faculty and 150 full-time staff, enrolls 1700 undergraduate and 280 graduate students across a full spectrum of degree programs (28) housed in three academic schools. College facilities include extensive teaching, studio, laboratory, greenhouse, and field facilities.

The WVU Davis College contributes to the long-held Land Grant missions of learning, discovery and engagement within the state and region, having particular strengths in the areas of food and natural resources, clothing and shelter, community design, and the built environment. Academic programs in the School of DCD are unique in the state of West Virginia, and are dedicated to improving the quality of life of the citizenry and the quality of the environment through creative and engaged teaching and research. The School also provides outreach/service to communities by addressing issues at multiple scales including the near environment, landscapes, community, schools, the region, and beyond.

**Responsibilities:** The selected person will:

- demonstrate innovation and visionary perspectives,
- possess a trans/multi-disciplinary academic background and outlook,
- manage complex situations with fairness and transparency,
- enable a diverse, creative, and hands-on faculty
- understand social science research, pressing environmental issues, rural contexts, creative scholarship, and studio culture,
- bring an entrepreneurial approach to securing resources and building programs,
- foster collaboration and partnership building (both internally and externally),
- understand and oversee issues of accreditation,
- have an academic background in or related to disciplines within the School, and a record of accomplishment suitable for the rank of tenured Professor at WVU,
- possess a record of accomplishment in obtaining external support for scholarship activity,
- and have keen interest in developing and managing academic programs.

**Qualifications:** Ph.D. or relevant terminal degree in a discipline associated with one or more academic program areas in the school (Agricultural and Extension Education, Architecture, Design Studies, Fashion, Dress & Merchandising, Interior Design, Landscape Architecture, Community Development, or Planning), an excellent teaching record, extensive peer-reviewed research and/or creative scholarship achievements, service accomplishments, and demonstrated and/or emerging leadership capability. This position requires excellent written and verbal communication

skills, collaborative and service-oriented leadership, established capacity to secure external partners/funding/collaborators, an established network of design and community development experts and scholars, and a record of successful project management. Applicants should have demonstrated leadership and/or accomplishment in multi/trans-disciplinary settings, and a passion for academic leadership.

**Community:** This position is located in Morgantown, West Virginia, which is often ranked as a most preferred small city/college town in America. The immediate region (including surrounding counties) has a diverse population of about 350,000 residents. The community lies within an emerging high technology corridor that includes several federal research facilities, as well as resource-based industries, and an extensive and beautiful rural environment. The city is readily accessible to Pittsburgh, PA (ca. 1 hour) and Washington, DC (ca. 3.5 hours). For more information on Morgantown and vicinity see <http://www.morgantown.com>.

**Applications:** Candidates should submit electronically a letter of application with a statement of collaborative leadership interests and philosophy, and how those align with the mission and purposes (as described above) of the WVU Davis College - School of Design and Community Development, curriculum vita, and the names of references (to be contacted after conferring with candidates of interest), merged into a single PDF document to [Melanie.Jimmie@mail.wvu.edu](mailto:Melanie.Jimmie@mail.wvu.edu). Requests for preliminary conversations about this position can also be made to the search committee chair Matt Jenks at [majenks@mail.wvu.edu](mailto:majenks@mail.wvu.edu) (Director of the Davis College Division of Plant and Soil Sciences) or the current interim School of Design and Community Development Director [Kerry.Odell@mail.wvu.edu](mailto:Kerry.Odell@mail.wvu.edu). The review of applications will begin by July 27, 2015 and will continue until the position is filled. On-campus interviews anticipated in early fall semester. The preferred start is January 2016, although this is negotiable.

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