The Sam Fox School of Design & Visual Arts at Washington University in St. Louis seeks a Professor of Practice to lead research projects with a focus on health care and the built environment. In addition, the candidate will lead the formation of a Center for Health Research & Design. The Professor of Practice will report to the Dean of the College of Architecture and Graduate School Architecture & Urban Design. This full-time appointment will begin in summer 2015 for a three-year term with a possibility for renewal.

Successful candidates will demonstrate a commitment to innovative thinking and collaboration within the University’s multidisciplinary research and teaching context. The selected candidate will be the principal investigator on one research project while providing oversight over two others in collaboration with two additional PIs. Research will be in partnership with an inaugural funding organization that is sponsoring the research activity and providing physical testing environments and project support. The candidate will lead teams that include faculty investigators and graduate student researchers. The three projects include a range of scales from inpatient unit room standards to an ambulatory building and office standards.

We seek a dynamic leader who will promote a health care research agenda to shape future goals of the School, collaborate with colleagues across the University in institutions such as the School of Medicine and the Institute for Public Health, and partner with design firms in the region. The candidate will be a nationally or internationally recognized researcher and practitioner with a PhD or MArch or equivalent degree in her/his field and a record of published research, leadership on multidisciplinary research projects, and recognition in practice. Furthermore, the candidate must engage in design solutions that create effective and economically feasible environments for human health by synthesizing the art of design with a rigorous, evidence-based perspective of scientific inquiry to generate new knowledge.

The candidate will work with School leadership, faculty, and staff, as well an advisory board and external partners, to effectively plan and launch a center that is financially sustainable and a national model for research in the built environment with a focus on health. The candidate will also lead the formation and launch of the Center for Health Research & Design, which aims to transform the experience of health and delivery of care.

Applications must be submitted online via Slideroom (https://samfoxschool.slideroom.com). Materials required include a letter of interest stating area of specialization and research, a CV, the names and contact information for three references, and five samples of design and published research.

For full consideration, materials should be received by August 3, 2015; however, the search committee will continue to evaluate applications until the position is filled. The Sam Fox School seeks an exceptionally qualified and diverse leader; women, minorities, protected veterans, and candidates with disabilities are strongly encouraged to apply.

Washington University in St. Louis is committed to the principles and practices of equal employment opportunity and affirmative action. It is the University’s policy to recruit, hire, train, and promote persons in all job titles without regard to race, color, age, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, national origin, veteran status, disability, or genetic information.
DETAIL OF ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS

Job Type/Schedule
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Department Name/Job Location
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General Summary, Leadership, and Supervision of Functions

• Responsible for the operational planning and execution of multiple research studies.
• Ensures completion of study deliverables including presentations and publications associated with the findings.
• Responsible for the overall management of study conduct, including oversight of various team members that will include graduate students.
• Fosters research through active engagement in management, regulatory oversight, financial management, and support through ongoing interactions with PIs, sponsor partners, and staff leadership.
• Forges, maintains, and sustains successful, productive relationships with partners, including faculty and students within the School and University.
• Oversees staff activities as appropriate to the research activity.
• Engages leadership in the formation of health research activity of the School and relationships with the broader University.
• Continues to support fundraising activity in order to establish the center.

Daily Duties and Responsibilities

• Writes study and manages full scope of study conduct in collaboration with administrative staff to ensure studies are conducted according to all University, State and Federal codes.
• Collaborates with all study team members to develop and manage the research processes and support appropriate research methods.
• Coordinates meetings with study team members as appropriate for each project.
• Disseminates project communication to all participants as appropriate.
• Provides oversight of any vendors/subcontracts as required.
• Plans and participates in investigator meetings in collaboration with all cross-functional team members.
• Partners with project sponsors for resolution of corrective actions as necessary.
• Presents reports on study activity as it progresses to leadership, University community, and public at large as necessary.
• Manages timelines and maintains project tracking with study status and provides accurate progress as requested by partner organizations.
• Manages all financials and communicates accordingly with administrative staff as required for the projects’ completion.
• Manages any additional contractual development or negotiations associated with changes in scope and/or additional project development.
Required Qualifications
MArch or equivalent degree with 10 or more years of professional practice and experience leading research teams with published findings.

Preferred Qualifications
PhD with 10 or more years of professional practice and experience leading research teams with published findings.

Salary Range
The hiring range for this position is commensurate with experience.

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1) Cover letter with statement of specialization and research interests
2) CV
3) Contact information for three references: name, email address, and phone number
4) Five samples of professional design projects and published research.

Questions regarding this position should be directed to:
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