Job Description

Associate/Full Professor and Director, Master’s in Development Practice
School of Geography and Development,
University of Arizona

The School of Geography and Development (SGD) at the University of Arizona invites applications for an international search for the position of Director of the Master’s in Development Practice. We seek a creative and visionary director who will lead the program into its next phase of becoming a prominent program in development practice. The position will begin August 2016.

The Master’s in Development Practice (MDP) is an innovative and interdisciplinary professional program that brings together talented students and faculty in a vibrant community dedicated to reducing the impacts of global poverty and to enhancing well-being for the under-resourced and socially excluded. The Director of MDP will advance the Program’s and the School’s missions by attracting, mentoring, and training students and development practitioners in four cornerstone areas: public health, management, social sciences and natural sciences. The Director will teach in the program, manage the academic program, expand collaborative relationships on campus and in the broader community in support of MDP, recruit and mentor students, and conduct research and engagement with appropriate communities. Area of research specialization within the four cornerstone areas is open, an active and engaged research program is required.

The University of Arizona is a top-ranked, research-intensive, land-grant university that embraces a distinctive interdisciplinary culture in which the School of Geography and Development is a valued collaborator. The School has an exciting and diverse working and learning environment, with 30 regular faculty members, 30+ adjunct and affiliated faculty, over 200 undergraduate majors, and over 100 graduate and professional students. The culture of the School is collaborative and supportive of innovative research and training. Further information about MDP can be found at http://geography.arizona.edu/masters_development_practice and information about SGD at www.geography.arizona.edu.

At the University of Arizona, we value our inclusive climate because we know that diversity in experiences and perspectives is vital to advancing innovation, critical thinking, solving complex problems, and creating an inclusive academic community. We translate these values into action by seeking individuals who have experience and expertise working with diverse students, colleagues and constituencies. Because we seek a workforce with diverse perspectives and experiences, we encourage minorities, women, veterans and individuals with disabilities to apply. As an Employer of National Service, we also welcome alumni of AmeriCorps, Peace Corps, and other national service programs.

The position of Director of the MDP program requires a PhD in a social science discipline, teaching experience, practical experience in development, and a record of research publication and extramural support for research and practice consistent with the rank of Associate or Full Professor. Salary will be commensurate with qualifications and experience.
Review of applications will begin on February 1, 2016. Please submit letter of application along with a CV, statement of teaching and a statement of engagement with development practice as well as the names of three references into the UACareer Track system. For a full position description and application information, please visit https://uacareers.com/ (Job # F20322). Contact search chair: Beth Mitchneck at bethm@email.arizona.edu.