Position Information: Director, New Orleans Gulf South Center

Who May Be Considered: Advanced Associate Professors and Full Professors in the School of Liberal Arts (SLA)

Summary: The SLA Dean's Office is seeking qualified candidates for the position of Director, New Orleans Gulf South Center. The incumbent will provide leadership and direction to the Center, and support research and related activities aimed at fulfilling the Center's mission and goals.

Term Appointment: Three-year, renewable.

Duties: The Director of the New Orleans Gulf South Center will serve as the Center's principal spokesperson in the area of research, education, and engagement on issues relating to the New Orleans and Gulf South region. The Director will provide leadership and direction to the Center for funding research and education activities, both nationally and internationally, to develop and advance the goals of the Center. These goals include:

- Support research and education projects and activities that engage with the New Orleans and Gulf South's cultural heritage and their related historical, social and aesthetic processes.
- Create and sustain partnerships with community, national, and international institutions to develop effective means of integrating research on New Orleans and the Gulf South into broader programs and activities of local and regional interest.
- Advance public dialogue on the issues facing New Orleans and the Gulf South through collaborative programs and conferences that engage faculty, students, researchers, and residents.
- Promote civic engagement, public service, and creative activities to enrich scholarly and public understanding of New Orleans and the Gulf South's regional experience.
- Provide education and professional development opportunities in the arts, architecture, humanities, and sciences to inform policies and programs that affect local and regional cultural institutions.

Other duties include identifying funding opportunities and writing grants to support the Center; fostering partnerships with other relevant Tulane and non-Tulane organizations; implementing overall strategic planning and policy setting for the Center; providing leadership and guidance to Center staff; determining funding requirements; preparing and justifying budget estimates; allocating resources; overseeing the evaluation of proposals and recommendations for awards and declinations; and representing the Center to relevant internal and external groups.

Qualifications

Executive/Managerial

- Demonstrated ability or potential to obtain external funding to support research programs and activities.
- Demonstrated ability to bring about strategic change to meet goals. Includes the ability to establish an organizational vision and to implement it in a continuously changing environment.
- Demonstrated ability to lead people toward meeting an organization's vision, mission, and goals. Includes the ability to create an inclusive environment that fosters the development of others, facilitates cooperation and teamwork, and supports constructive resolution conflicts.
• Demonstrated ability to meet organizational goals and provide results-driven leadership. Includes the ability to make decisions that produce high-quality results by applying knowledge, analyzing problems, and calculating risks.
• Demonstrated ability to manage human, financial, and information resources strategically.
• Demonstrated ability to build coalitions internally and with other organizations to achieve common goals.

**Professional/Technical:**
• Advanced Associate Professor or Full Professor in the School of Liberal Arts (SLA).
• Substantial research contributions and strong evidence of scholarship in the arts, humanities, or social sciences as evidenced in publications, creative activities, awards and/or innovative leadership in administration.
• Knowledge of grant and contract administration, fiscal management, and budget preparation with experience in research support.

**Benefits:**
• 1-1 Teaching load.
• Office space and one staff member.
• An annual operating budget of approximately $150,000 (could be augmented with other funds and resources).
• Annual stipend of $5000.

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If you are interested in the position, please submit a copy of your vita and a letter of interest by February 17, 2010 to Associate Dean, Kevin F. Gotham: kgotham@tulane.edu