



Position Profile

Assistant/Associate Professor

School of Landscape Architecture and Urban Planning

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ABOUT THE UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA

Established in 1885, the [University of Arizona \(UArizona\)](#), the state's land-grant university, is a member of the prestigious Association of American Universities. Recognized as a global leader, and classified as a Carnegie R-1, UArizona conducts more than \$687 million in annual research expenditures and is currently ranked in the top 40 among all public universities surveyed. UArizona produces graduates who are real-world ready through its [100% Engagement Initiative](#). The UArizona is advancing the frontiers of interdisciplinary scholarship and entrepreneurial partnerships and benefits the state with an estimated economic impact of \$4.1 billion annually. With a total faculty of 3,144, UArizona currently enrolls 36,503 undergraduate students in more than 300 majors, in addition to 10,429 graduate and professional students.

Located in the city of Tucson, with a campus size of 392 acres, UArizona offers students a wide range of activities and academic opportunities. This includes three levels of intramural sports and more than 30 fraternities and sororities, and many other student organizations. The Arizona Wildcats NCAA Division I teams compete in the Pac-12 Conference. Classified as a highest research institution, UArizona involves both undergraduate and graduate students in research projects. The University has a wide range of graduate programs, including the [Eller College of Management](#), the [James E. Rogers College of Law](#) and a [College of Medicine](#).

The University of Arizona values its inclusive climate because it knows that diversity in experiences and perspectives is vital to advancing innovation, critical thinking, solving complex problems, and creating an inclusive academic community. As a Hispanic-serving institution, UArizona translates these values into action by seeking individuals who have experience and expertise working with diverse students, colleagues, and constituencies. Because UArizona seeks a workforce with a wide range of perspectives and experiences, it provides equal employment opportunities to applicants and employees without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, disability, veteran status, sexual orientation, gender identity, or genetic information. As an Employer of National Service, it also welcomes alumni of AmeriCorps, Peace Corps, and other national service programs and others who will help it advance its Inclusive Excellence initiative aimed at creating a university that values student, staff and faculty engagement in addressing issues of diversity and inclusiveness.

The University of Arizona demonstrates diversity in every area with 24 % of graduates being students of color. In fact, the graduate programs demonstrate exceptional diversity as enrollment is the most diverse among all public institutions belonging to the Association of American Universities. UArizona is ranked #1 in the number of PhDs awarded to Native American students and #9 in the number of PhDs awarded to Hispanic students.

 <p>Top 20 Public Research <i>National Science Foundation</i></p> <p>ARIZONA RESEARCH</p>	 <p>Best Value University <i>Forbes Best Value Colleges</i></p>
 <p>Top 40 Public University <i>U.S. News & World Report</i></p>	 <p>#1 Online Bachelor's <i>U.S. News & World Report</i></p> <p>ARIZONA ONLINE</p>



College of Architecture, Planning & Landscape Architecture

The [College of Architecture, Planning, & Landscape Architecture \(CAPLA\)](#) is made up of two schools, the School of Architecture and the School of Landscape Architecture and Planning; together with the College, it houses 13 academic programs. Additionally, the [Drachman Institute](#) functions as the primary outreach arm of the College.

At CAPLA, there are innovators of transformational strategies, championing a future-oriented perspective where hands-on design and planning stimulate sustainable innovation and solve the grand challenges of the built environment in a daring, authentic environment.

A Leading College

CAPLA is a leader in built environment innovation within a Research I institution. We excel in teaching, research and service in a transformational learning environment.

[STUDENT EXPERIENCE](#)

Undergraduate Programs

Develop the skills you need to succeed in a sustainable world with a degree in Architecture, Landscape Architecture or Sustainable Built Environments.

[UNDERGRADUATE](#)

#9

Most Admired Undergraduate Architecture School (Public)
DesignIntelligence

Master's Programs

Take your career to the next level with a master's degree in one of four disciplines: Architecture, Landscape Architecture, Real Estate Development or Urban Planning.

[MASTER'S PROGRAMS](#)

School of Architecture

In the School of Architecture, we offer accredited undergraduate (B Arch) and graduate (M Arch) degrees, plus the MS Arch for those seeking a research focus.

[VISIT THE SCHOOL](#)

#13

Most Hired from Landscape Architecture School (Public, Less Than 20 Graduates)
DesignIntelligence

School of Landscape Architecture & Planning

Programs in sustainable built environments, landscape architecture, real estate development and urban planning.

[VISIT THE SCHOOL](#)

#11

Top Urban Planning Program (Small Programs)
Planetizen



School of Landscape Architecture & Planning

The [School of Landscape Architecture and Planning](#) encourages and supports a culture of innovation in teaching, research, creative works, as well as community engagement aimed at advancing professional practice and preparing students to be leaders in their respective fields.

Creative thinking and collaborative learning are encouraged in all of the programs through interdisciplinary coursework and real-world projects. Graduates are able to integrate scientific knowledge with resourceful innovation to achieve outcomes that demonstrate best practices for the development of healthful, livable, and meaningful places.

The landscape architecture program includes a fully accredited graduate MLA degree program and a newly formed BLA program. UArizona takes pride in the friendly, collegial atmosphere and an extraordinary community of designers and urban planners in CAPLA, including programs in architecture, landscape architecture, urban planning, real estate development, sustainable built environments, and heritage conservation.

A setting in the city of Tucson, the Sonoran Desert, and the American Southwest provides a rich cultural heritage and physical environment that is an invaluable laboratory for urban design and landscape architecture study and practice. The curriculum focuses on preparing students for practice to address pressing challenges at the local/regional/national levels, such as urbanization, social equity, placemaking, climate resilience (heat/cold, aridity/monsoon), environmental degradation, and growth.

The School's facilities are extraordinary. The studios are bright and airy with spectacular views of the Santa Catalina Mountains. The award-winning building is situated on the main campus in Tucson and equipped with state-of-the-art labs (computer, model, materials, etc.), including the Underwood Family Sonoran Landscape Laboratory and the Sonoran Pentapus.

DEGREE AND CERTIFICATE OFFERINGS

- Bachelor of Landscape Architecture
- Bachelor of Science in Sustainable Built Environments
- Master of Landscape Architecture
- Master of Real Estate Development
- Master of Science in Urban Planning
- Graduate Certificates in Heritage Conservation and Real Estate Development

THE OPPORTUNITY

Assistant/Associate Professor

School of Landscape Architecture and Urban Planning

The School of Landscape Architecture and Urban Planning is seeking applicants for a faculty position at the intersection of landscape architecture and urban design. The ideal individual is one who can teach both undergraduate and graduate design studios at all levels. This is a full-time faculty position at the rank of pre-tenure assistant professor or tenured associate professor, commensurate with experience. The position will ideally begin August 2021. The successful candidate will have a demonstrated interest in design theory, collaborative design methods, and urban placemaking. This individual will identify with the artistic side of landscape architecture and be fluent in contemporary urban design approaches that integrate form-making with socio-cultural factors and landscape ecology. UArizona is especially interested in candidates who focus on underserved and marginalized communities, and who can enrich its faculty diversity.

Duties and Responsibilities

The successful candidate will be prepared to expand CAPLA's interdisciplinary partnerships and work collaboratively within the College, University, and external networks in ways that contribute to CAPLA's strategic goal of Building a Changing World. The School is looking for an innovator who can develop transformative strategies and future-oriented theories and perspectives on sustainable design, climate mitigation, and urban green infrastructure within the context of interdisciplinary practice, artistic approaches, social equity, and heritage conservation.

The successful candidate will align their professional direction with the University's Strategic Priorities through:

Engagement:

Engage students in advanced regional and international outreach and research in best practices in sustainable urban design. Contribute to the development of international programs including Micro Campuses, study abroad programs, and online courses and programs. Strengthen ties to and potential student recruitment from underrepresented communities. Develop community outreach opportunities and interdisciplinary urban design studios.

Innovation:

Advance research in professional practice, landscape urbanism, urban revitalization, green infrastructure, site planning, master planning, and adaptive reuse of urban and industrial sites. Create synergies between public agencies and private industry toward built environment technological innovations and design solutions to address grand challenges.

Partnership:

Advance CAPLA's engagement strategies with local, regional, and global partnerships. Create independent and team-taught design studios at all levels with expertise in data-driven research, predicting change, visioning future built environments, urban infrastructure design, collaborative processes, design thinking, and design innovation at the landscape, neighborhood, and site-specific scales. Advance interdisciplinary teaching and practice.

Synergy:

Strengthen collaboration across CAPLA and UArizona programs in accordance with College and University Strategic Plans including initiatives with the Institute for Place and Wellbeing, Institute of the Environment, the UArizona Office of Sustainability. The collaborative units will include: College of Fine Arts, College of Social and Behavioral Sciences, College of Engineering, Institute of the Environment, College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, College of Humanities, and College of Education.

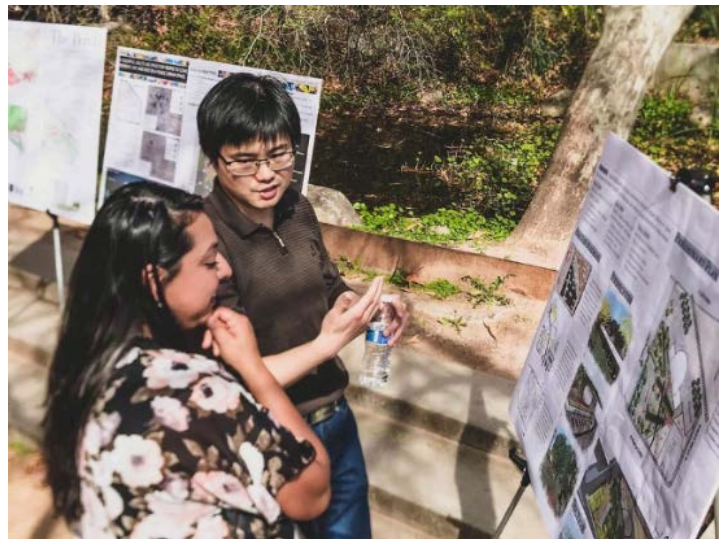
QUALIFICATIONS

Minimum

- Master's degree in Landscape Architecture or related field AND at least one professional degree in Landscape Architecture (undergraduate or graduate) from an accredited program.
- Specialization in best practices in urban design with experience in landscape ecology, socio-cultural factors in design, and applied art in landscape architecture.
- Working knowledge of the major digital media software.
- Strong communication and interpersonal skills.

Preferred

- Strong background in design theory, urban design, and landscape architectural practice.
- Previous teaching experience, in particular, collaborative interdisciplinary teaching or practice.
- Experience working with diverse and underrepresented communities.
- Experience in regional and international outreach.
- A record of peer-reviewed scholarly/creative research (e.g., publications, competitions, awards) and attracting extramural funding.
- Professional licensure, or qualifications to become licensed.
- Doctoral degree in Landscape Architecture or a related field.





PROCEDURE FOR CANDIDACY

Confidential review of applications will begin immediately and continue until the position is filled; **parties who apply before or by April, 18 2021 will be given first consideration.** Interested candidates should submit a curriculum vitae, cover letter, and work samples (design portfolio). Work samples may also include examples of student work.

To apply online, go to: <https://theapplicantmanager.com/jobs?pos=su237>

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TUCSON, ARIZONA

Tucson is a welcoming, unique, diverse, and family-friendly community. It is a UNESCO City of Gastronomy, surrounded by five majestic mountain ranges and is an exciting and affordable place to live with rich cultural amenities and outdoor activities. While over half a million people now reside in Tucson, bringing businesses, attractions, and tourism, it also still has a familiar sense of human scale and local community. The University of Arizona is in the heart of the city and the second largest employer in Tucson.

Founded in 1775, Tucson is a vibrant community, rich in history and culture that encompasses a unique blend of Native American, Spanish, Mexican, and Anglo-American influences.

This eclectic city gets 350+ days of sunshine per year accompanied by awesome summer monsoon showers that provide moisture for life to sustain itself through nine months of sunny, bright blue skies. With beautiful weather, scenery, and little to no humidity, Tucson is a paradise for anyone who enjoys biking, hiking, swimming, tennis, or golf. Grassy parks, mountain trails, and bicycle-friendly urban and rural roads create recreational opportunities like nowhere on earth. It offers an abundance of outdoor and urban opportunities to suit everyone. The downtown is divided into four districts with unique businesses, restaurants, arts, and nightlife making it the perfect place for a family outing or date night.

- Ranked **#5 of the Best Places to Visit in Arizona** by U.S World and News Report
- Ranked **#55 out of the top 100 Green Cities** by bestplaces.net

Tucson's population is growing rapidly. The low cost of living and diversity in housing choices are very attractive to residents. Whether you want to be close to Tucson's urban downtown or settle in one of the suburban communities, such as Oro Valley, Marana, Sahuarita, or Vail, you will feel right at home.

For more information, visit:

<https://www.arizona.edu/wildcats-guide-tucson>

<https://tucsonchamber.org/>

<https://www.visittucson.org/>



Tucson offers a unique streetcar that can transport passengers between its districts.