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Director of ARTS Lab

The University of New Mexico invites applications for the Director of ARTS Lab (Arts, Research, Technology, and Science Laboratory), starting in August 2008. This administrative appointment will come with a tenure-track/tenured academic appointment at the rank of Associate or full Professor in one or more schools or colleges at UNM, depending on the candidate's qualifications. The ARTS Lab (Arts, Research, Technology, and Science Laboratory) is an interdisciplinary center for fostering research and economic development at the intersection of art, science, business and technology. The ARTS Lab was established in 2005 under the State of New Mexico's Media Industries Strategy Project to be a key catalyst for an advanced digital media industry in New Mexico. ARTS Lab seeks to support innovation and growth in areas such as film, new media, simulation, telehealth, game technology, image processing, scientific visualization, national security applications, and new markets for content. As a center for both technology and the arts, New Mexico provides a dynamic environment for programs that stimulate economic development. The heart of ARTS Lab is the "Digital Media Garage," a black box space outfitted to support performance, experimentation and research in digital graphics, sound and real-time immersive projection systems. The 'Garage' includes a 15' diameter hemispheric domed projection surface (the G-Dome), a Vicon Motion Capture system, 30' x 40' Green Screen Studio, an AV production suite and more.

The successful candidate will be charged with supervising and advancing the interdisciplinary research objectives of this laboratory, including responsibility for managing its budget, staff, research equipment and spaces, and for developing an active program of grant-supported research projects in collaboration with participating faculty from various schools and colleges of the University of New Mexico. In this position, the Director will report to an Executive Committee of deans from participating schools/colleges and the Vice President for Research, which has been charged by the Provost with overseeing the program and evaluating the Director's performance: final reporting authority will remain with the Provost.

Should the candidate be qualified to receive a tenured academic appointment in Electronic Arts in the Department of Art and Art History in the College of Fine Arts, s/he could be considered for the Mesa del Sol Endowed Chair in Film and Digital Media. The Mesa del Sol Endowed Chair holder support both the holder's own research/creative work and the Interdisciplinary Film and Digital Media Program.

Minimum Qualification:

1. Terminal Degree: PhD, MFA or other terminal degree;
2. A national record of publication, creative activity and research/grant activity in a digital media area;
3. Administrative experience.

Preferred Qualification:

1. Experience in a research university;
2. Demonstrated expertise with digital media technologies;
3. Demonstrated record of interdisciplinary research/creative activity;
4. Demonstrated ability to manage and lead collaborative interdisciplinary research/creative activity;
5. A record of research, exhibition/production, or publication in the arena of digital media, visualization, technology and performance, or the convergence of science, technology and art;
6. Experience/record of communication outreach to the public.

Salary is competitive with benefits package. For best consideration, all application materials must be received by 5:00 p.m. (MST) March 12th, 2008. Complete application packets include a signed letter of application, curriculum vitae, three letters of recommendation and a representative selection of your writing (8-12 pgs.) reflecting your views on digital media. Candidates may be asked at a later date to furnish further information, plus three additional references with contact information (phone and email), a statement on the role and future of Interdisciplinary Research Centers such as ARTS Lab, and for written permission to contact listed references. Position will remain open until filled. Send application to: Beverly Ortiz-O'Connell, IFDM Program Administrator, College of Fine Arts, Center for the Arts, Room 3015, MSC04 2570, 1 University of New Mexico, Albuquerque NM 87131-0001. THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO IS AN EEO/AA EMPLOYER AND EDUCATOR.