



Director of the PhD Program in Urban Affairs (Associate or Full Professor)

The School of Urban Affairs and Public Policy at the University of Memphis invites applications for the position of **Director of the PhD Program in Urban Affairs** beginning in the 2021-2022 Academic Year. This is a full-time, nine-month, tenure track academic appointment at the rank of Associate or Full Professor.

The PhD in Urban Affairs is a new interdisciplinary program that will begin enrolling students in the fall of 2021. The distinctiveness of the program will be a focus on urban problem solving through interdisciplinary, collaborative engaged scholarship.

The Director will be the administrative leader of the Urban Affairs PhD program. This position is an opportunity for an established scholar with the desire to build something new and unique that can become a national model. We are seeking an established scholar with interdisciplinary experience, a research agenda that addresses urban issues, and a demonstrated understanding and appreciation for community-engaged learning and research.

Candidates can come from a wide range of social science disciplines, but must be eligible for the rank of Associate or Full Professor in one of the seven departments associated with the PhD in Urban Affairs (City and Regional Planning, Social Work, Public and Nonprofit Administration, Criminology and Criminal Justice, Political Science, Anthropology, or Sociology).

We are especially interested in applicants who have experience with:

- community-university partnerships
- Interdisciplinary learning and research
- academic program administration
- mentoring PhD students

The School of Urban Affairs and Public Policy (SUAPP) will provide infrastructure and administrative support to the PhD Program Director. As home to 4 academic units, 8 degree programs, more than 95 fulltime and part-time faculty and staff, and 4 research centers, SUAPP serves as a hub for collaboration and flagship for community-engaged scholarship.

About the PhD in Urban Affairs

The PhD in Urban Affairs focuses on **urban problem-solving** with a **community-engaged** approach and an **interdisciplinary** framework. It is designed to prepare graduates with the necessary skills in research, evaluation, and policy design to address the kinds of socioeconomic challenges that face Memphis and other cities like it. The combination of training in theory development and application will prepare graduates for careers in public, nonprofit, private, and educational sector positions as advanced policy analysts, researchers, administrators, and academics.

The PhD in Urban Affairs supported by the four departments in the School of Urban Affairs and Public Policy (City and Regional Planning, Social Work, Public and Nonprofit Administration, and Criminology and Criminal Justice) and three other social science in the College of Arts and Sciences (Political Science, Anthropology, and Sociology). An interdisciplinary PhD Committee with faculty from these seven departments will support the work of the Director. Likewise, there is tremendous enthusiasm and support for the new program among the local public sector, nonprofit, and philanthropic community.

This position offers a competitive salary commensurate with experience and full University benefits described at the University of Memphis Business and Finance Office's website at:

<http://www.memphis.edu/benefits/info/prospective.php>

Applicants must submit a cover letter describing their qualifications and interest in the position, a current CV, and a list of at least three references. Application material must be submitted electronically at <https://workforum.memphis.edu>. Screening of applicants will begin after the search closes on December 1, 2020. The position will begin in August 2021 and is contingent on funding.

To apply, please visit the University of Memphis' WorkforUM page:

<https://workforum.memphis.edu/postings/26056>

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