

Director of Hugo Wall School of Public Affairs
Wichita State University

The Hugo Wall School of Public Affairs at Wichita State University invites applications for the position of Director, a 12-month tenured position at either the full professor or senior associate professor level, with an anticipated start date of July 2024.

The Hugo Wall School offers a NASPAA-accredited Master of Public Administration (MPA) program with Graduate Certificates in City and County Management, Public Finance, Economic Development, and Nonprofit Management, in two modalities (online and in-person) and a MiniMPA program. The Hugo Wall School is also the home to two applied research centers: the Environmental Finance Center (EFC) and Kansas Public Finance Center (KPFC). Notably, the EFC has been selected to establish an Environmental Justice Thriving Communities Technical Assistance Center this year. The Hugo Wall School has received strong support and funding from the Kansas Board of Regents and from the University administration for its applied research/community engagement mission. We are deeply integrated into the South Central Kansas region and are involved in numerous projects with nonprofit and public partners providing applied learning opportunities for students and building community capacity.

Qualifications

The successful candidate must hold a doctoral degree in public administration, public policy, or a related field. The candidate assuming this position must have already attained the rank of Associate Professor with tenure. A candidate must have a scholarly record that conveys promotion to the rank of full Professor could be achieved. Successful candidates must have prior experience serving in an administrative capacity, a demonstrated aptitude for effective teaching, and excellent oral and written communication skills. While the field of research and teaching specialization remains open, candidates must exhibit the ability to advance the school's mission by integrating academic teaching, research, and applied projects. This necessitates cultivating and nurturing productive collaborative relationships across diverse stakeholder groups, including leaders in state and local government and nonprofit organizations. Ultimately, the selected candidate should be a dynamic leader capable of enhancing the school's reputation on local, state, national, and international levels.

Duties:

The successful candidate will provide both academic and administrative leadership. This encompasses overseeing human resources, including faculty and staff, as well as budget management, strategic planning, academic program development, and fundraising efforts. Furthermore, the Director will facilitate individual and collaborative research initiatives, lend support to Center Directors in their applied projects, and foster a culture of collegiality and collaboration within the school's environment. Central to the role is serving as the visionary leader who adeptly communicates the school's mission to a wide range of internal and external constituencies on a regular basis.

To Apply:

All applications, nominations, and inquiries are invited. Applications should include a letter of interest that describes the candidate's fit with the mission of the Hugo Wall School and Wichita State University, a vita, and contact information for three references. For full consideration, candidate materials should be received by Dec 31st, 2023. Application materials should be submitted on-line at jobs.wichita.edu/postings/3048.

Nomination and inquiries can be directed to the search committee chair Hai (David) Guo at david.guo@wichita.edu