

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

DEAN - COLLEGE OF ARTS AND LETTERS

Michigan State University invites applications and nominations for the position of Dean of the College of Arts and Letters. The nation's oldest land-grant university and a member of the Association of American Universities, Michigan State University is a research-intensive institution with 14 colleges, including 6 professional schools (three medical colleges, a college of business, a college of education, and a college of law) and one academic administrative program in international studies led by a dean. With a student population of 45,000 (8,300 of whom are graduate students), the University community is multi-ethnic and multi-national. The campus is located in East Lansing, a cosmopolitan university town of 50,000 adjacent to Lansing, the state capital. The College of Arts and Letters is an important link in a vibrant local arts community.

The College of Arts and Letters houses nine major academic departments: Art and Art History; English; French, Classics, and Italian; Linguistics and Germanic, Slavic, Asian and African Languages; Philosophy; Religious Studies; Spanish and Portuguese; Theatre; and Writing, Rhetoric, and American Cultures. In addition, the College is home to many interdisciplinary programs: African American and African Studies; Black American & Diasporic Studies; American Studies; American Indian Studies; Film Studies; Global Literary and Cultural Studies; Jewish Studies; Museum Studies; the Public Humanities Collaborative; Rhetoric and Writing Program; Second Language Studies; and the program in Women, Gender and Social Justice. The College also includes the Kresge Art Museum, the Center for Integrative Studies in Arts and Humanities, the Center for Language Education and Research (CLEAR); the English Language Center; the Language Learning Center, the Writing Center, and the Center for Writing in Digital Environments (WIDE). This spectrum of disciplines, programs and centers reflects the breadth of the academic interests of the college's approximately 200 plus tenure-stream faculty. For interested students, the College also houses a residential options program: Residential Options in Arts and Letters (ROIAL). The Dean is the chief academic officer of the college and reports directly to the Provost.

QUALIFICATIONS

MSU is seeking an individual with an outstanding record of accomplishment in scholarly or creative activity in the arts and/or humanities; demonstrable administrative and educational leadership; effective interpersonal and communication skills; and a commitment to academic excellence. An earned doctorate or equivalent terminal degree, such as MFA in artistic/creative fields related to programs of the college, is required. Candidates must meet standards for appointment at the rank of professor (with tenure) in an academic department of the college.

SALARY

Salary is competitive and commensurate with experience and qualifications.

APPLICATIONS/NOMINATIONS

Nominations and applications will be reviewed beginning February 15, 2006 and will be accepted until the position is filled. Women and minorities are encouraged to apply. Nominations or letters of application with curriculum vitae and names of three references should be sent to: Marilyn Augustine (augusti2@msu.edu), Office of the Provost, Michigan State University, 422 Administration Building, East Lansing, MI 48824-1046. Electronic applications are preferred. For further information, contact Margot Lansing at Sage Lansing at 781-237-1754 or mlansing@sagelansing.com.

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