

OPEN RANKS FACULTY POSITIONS

The newly created Urban Studies Institute at Georgia State University seeks outstanding U.S. or international scholars to fill three new faculty lines in urban studies, rank open, starting in August of 2017. Ranks of hiring will be commensurate with experience and credentials, and compensation is competitive.

The Urban Studies Institute is a new GSU initiative led by its recently appointed Director, Professor Jan Nijman. The University has developed an ambitious plan to prioritize urban studies with an interdisciplinary reach across the University's schools and colleges. The Institute's goals are to conduct top-level research, develop an innovative and specialized curriculum, and engage with stakeholders in the Atlanta metro region.

The Institute's research agenda will range from local to global scales and will be particularly geared to comparative urban approaches and to the theme of urban inclusive development. The latter includes questions of urban economic resilience, diversity, inequality, life-chances, social/spatial integration, access to public goods, urban health, etc.

Candidates must have a strong affinity and familiarity with the interdisciplinary field of urban studies; a combination of thematic and regional expertise; and be attuned to comparative approaches. Discipline and areas of specialization are open.

The new hires will be appointed as core faculty (tenured or tenure-track) in the Institute. They will be expected to maintain high levels of publication and external funding, and to take an active part in building a top-rated Institute. All new faculty will be involved in the development and teaching of innovative courses in the new Urban Studies program (undergraduate and graduate). The new faculty will play a vital part in the future direction of the Institute.

The new Institute will also comprise affiliated faculty from across the University, especially the Andrew Young School of Policy Studies, the College of Arts & Sciences, the School of Public Health, and the College of Law. Additionally, it will house postdocs, PhD students, and supporting staff who will actively represent the Institute in the Atlanta region. Plans for the Institute include additional hiring of core faculty in the foreseeable future.

Applications should be addressed to *Search Committee, Urban Studies Institute, Georgia State University* and must be sent via email to: urban@gsu.edu. Each position requires a doctorate in an appropriate field. At the time of offer, a background check will be required. The application must consist of a single PDF file containing (1) a letter of application (including indication of the rank at which the applicant wishes to be considered and statements on research and teaching); (2) names, affiliations, and email addresses of three referees; and (3) a current CV. The PDF file name should include the applicant's last name. Review of applications will start on December 10, 2016, and will continue until the positions are filled.

The Urban Studies Institute is presently housed in the Andrew Young School of Policy Studies, ranked among the Best Graduate Schools for Public Affairs in the United States by the U.S. News & World Report. Located in downtown Atlanta, its students, alumni and

faculty work to advance economic opportunity, human rights and social justice around the world.

For more information, visit our web site at urbaninstitute.gsu.edu or send inquiries to urban@gsu.edu.

Georgia State University is a major urban institution with more than 50,000 students. GSU is recognized as a national leader in student success and in graduating students from diverse backgrounds. In 2016, U.S. News & World Report ranked GSU as the 4th most innovative school in the nation. Atlanta, with a metro population of nearly six million, is among the 10 biggest urban regions in the country. Given its unique civil rights history and its current growth and transformation into a large, international city region, it provides an exciting laboratory for urban research.

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