Located in Blacksburg, Virginia, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (Virginia Tech) is on a highly innovative path designed to magnify its domestic and international presence. The university welcomes inquiries, nominations, and applications for the position of dean of the College of Architecture and Urban Studies.

Virginia Tech is a public land-grant university serving the Commonwealth of Virginia, the nation, and the world. Virginia Tech’s projected future is expressed in Beyond Boundaries: A 2047 Vision. At the core of the Beyond Boundaries framework is the generation and support of “VT-shaped knowledge”: faculty and students working closely in programs that integrate deep disciplinary expertise with transdisciplinary collaboration for deep engagement with society that allows solving complex problems of the world. The Beyond Boundaries framework includes a commitment to the university’s evolving Destination Areas that leverage world-leading research, innovative technologies, extraordinary faculty, and students in collaborative and experiential research and learning ecosystems. Through its focus on teaching and learning, research and discovery, and outreach and engagement, the university creates, conveys, and applies knowledge to expand personal growth and opportunity, advance social and community development, foster economic competitiveness, and improve the quality of life – all central to its motto *Ut Prosim* (That I May Serve).

With approximately 31,000 students, Virginia Tech takes a hands-on, engaged approach to education, preparing scholars to be leaders in their fields and communities. As the commonwealth’s most comprehensive university and its leading research institution, Virginia Tech offers approximately 240 undergraduate and graduate degree programs and manages a research portfolio of more than $513 million. The university fulfills its land-grant mission of transforming knowledge to practice through technological leadership and by fueling economic growth and job creation locally, regionally, and across Virginia.

The College of Architecture and Urban Studies is ranked in the top five architecture and design colleges in the U.S. and proudly houses four top-ranked schools, each led by its own director: Architecture + Design, Construction, Public and International Affairs, and Visual Arts. The college’s accolades are significant and include many highly ranked programs, with Architecture, Interior Design, Industrial Design, Public Administration, Urban Planning, Visual Communication Design, and Animation all ranked as top 25 programs nationally, and Architecture consistently ranked as a top five program. Although formal rankings do not exist for construction education, Building Construction has an esteemed reputation among peer construction management departments, consistently viewed as a top 5-10 program. Over the course of nearly a century, the college has evolved considerably and today is home to 136 instructional faculty (tenured, tenure-track, and non-tenured), 16 research or administrative and professional faculty, and 43 staff. As of fall, 2015 the college had enrolled nearly 1600 undergraduate majors in its programs, and over 560 students enrolled in masters and doctoral degree programs.

Inquiries, nominations, and applications are invited. For fullest consideration, applicant materials should be received by January 27, 2017. Candidates should provide a curriculum vitae, a letter of application that addresses the responsibilities and requirements described in the leadership profile, and the names and contact information of five references. Candidate confidentiality will be respected and references will not be contacted without prior knowledge and approval of candidates. Inquiries and application materials should be sent via email to the college’s consultants, Zachary A. Smith, Ph.D. and Robert Luke of Witt/Kieffer, at VirginiaTechDean@wittkieffer.com. Questions may also be directed to the consultants through the office of Eden Stroud at 630-575-6154.

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