Applications are invited for a full-time, tenure-track position in the School for the Arts housed in the University of Saskatchewan’s College of Arts and Science at the rank of Associate or Full Professor with an expected start date of July 1, 2024. Following appointment, the successful candidate will serve as Director of the School for a five-year term and will be an in-scope member of the University of Saskatchewan Faculty Association.

As the inaugural Director, the successful candidate will lead the newly-formed School for the Arts, which includes the disciplines of Art, Art History, Drama, and Music. They will provide dynamic leadership and vision as they work with faculty to determine priorities and initiatives for the new School while maintaining the strengths of the existing programs. The Director will be the academic and operational leader, and they will be responsible for providing mentorship for faculty through collegial processes, assignment of duties, budgeting, staff supervision, and oversight of performance spaces and facilities. They will work with the Undergraduate and Graduate Chairs of the School for the Arts to develop and administer its programs and will be a member of the College of Arts and Science Committee of Department Heads. The Director will represent and advocate for the School for the Arts on-campus and to the broader community to raise the profile of the School for the Arts and its programs, and work with the Advancement Office to attract new funding sources.

As a faculty member in the School for the Arts, the successful candidate will maintain an active program of research, scholarly, and artistic work (RSAW), including applying for external funding; teaching in their area(s) of expertise; supervising and serving on student committees; and, undertaking administrative activities. There will be a reduction in these duties while serving as Director.

The University of Saskatchewan’s main campus is situated on Treaty 6 Territory and the Homeland of the Métis. It is located in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, a city with a diverse and thriving economic base, a vibrant arts community, including the Remai Modern, Saskatoon Symphony Orchestra, Persephone Theatre, Wanuskewin Heritage Park, Shakespeare on the Saskatchewan, the Saskatchewan Jazz Festival, AKA and PAVED artist-run centers, and many other community arts organizations. The University has a reputation for excellence in teaching, research and scholarly activities and offers a full range of undergraduate, graduate, and professional programs to a student population of over 27,000.

The College of Arts and Science offers a dynamic combination of programs in the humanities and fine arts, social sciences, and natural sciences. There are approximately 10,000 undergraduate and graduate students in the College and 300 faculty, including 9 Canada Research Chairs.

With a present complement of 24 full-time faculty members including the David L Kaplan Chair in Music, over 50 sessional instructors, 3 technicians, and 3 administrative staff, the School for the Arts offers a full range of undergraduate and graduate degrees and certificates in Art History, Drama, Music, Music Education, Studio Art and the wîcêhtowin Theatre Program, one of only two Indigenous theatre programs in the lands we now know as Canada. The School’s Art and Art History, Drama, and Music areas collectively have a well-established, internationally recognized record of strong leadership in many areas including traditional academic scholarship, artistic practice and community engagement. More information on the creation of the School for the Arts and its programs is available here.
Qualifications:
The ideal candidate will demonstrate success in fostering innovative solutions to academic and administrative challenges, and embrace the mission and core values of the University of Saskatchewan, including a commitment to Indigenization. Candidates must have a terminal degree in a field that is relevant to the School for the Arts and demonstrate experience and leadership in university administration. Candidates with comparable administrative experience will be considered. Strong communication skills are required. The candidate will need to demonstrate a vibrant record of research, scholarly and/or artistic work and interdisciplinary experience would be a benefit. A strong understanding of the Arts and Arts Education is expected, as well as post-secondary teaching experience. Experience with community outreach and engagement and/or philanthropy would be a benefit.

The salary band for the 2022-23 academic year for this position is Associate Professor $120,099-$140,253/Full Professor $140,253-$163,766. As Director the position is also eligible for an administrative stipend and additional support funds. This position comes with a comprehensive benefits package which includes pension plan, life insurance (compulsory and voluntary), sick leave, travel insurance, death benefits, dental plan, extended health and vision care plan, employee assistance program, and a flexible health and wellness spending program.

Applicants are invited to send a letter of introduction, curriculum vitae, a portfolio of works (if appropriate), a teaching dossier (including a statement of teaching philosophy and evidence of courses taught and/or developed), evidence of their administrative leadership, and other relevant supporting materials. Interviews are expected to take place in mid to late March, and candidates will be expected to present a public talk.

Candidates are to arrange to have three confidential letters of recommendation sent electronically under a separate cover.

All materials are to be submitted electronically to:

Dr. Brooke Milne,
Dean and Professor, College of Arts and Science
Chair, School for the Arts Director Search Committee
Email: directorsearch.schoolforthearts@usask.ca

Due to federal immigration requirements, we also ask candidates to indicate whether they are Canadian citizens, permanent residents, or are otherwise already authorized to work at this position for the duration of the appointment, with an explanation if this last category is indicated.

We encourage applicants to submit by February 1, 2024. Review of complete applications will begin February 5, 2024; however, applications will be accepted and evaluated until the position is filled. The expected start date is July 1, 2024.

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The University is committed to employment equity, diversity, and inclusion, and are proud to support career opportunities for Indigenous peoples to reflect the community we serve. We are dedicated to recruiting individuals who will enrich our work and learning environments. All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply; however, in accordance with Canadian immigration requirements, Canadian citizens and permanent residents will be given priority. We are committed to providing accommodations to those with a disability or medical necessity. If you require an accommodation to participate in the recruitment process, please notify us and we will work together on the accommodation request. We continue to grow our partnerships with Indigenous communities across the province, nationally, and internationally and value the unique perspective that Indigenous employees provide to strengthening these relationships. Verification of Indigenous Membership/Citizenship at the University of Saskatchewan is led and determined by the deybwewin | taapwaywin | tapwewin: Indigenous Truth policy and Standing Committee in accordance with the processes developed to enact the policy. Successful candidates that assert Indigenous membership/citizenship will be asked to complete the verification process of Indigenous membership/citizenship with documentation. The University of Saskatchewan’s main campus is situated on Treaty 6 Territory and the Homeland of the Métis. We pay our respects to the First Nations and Métis ancestors of this place and reaffirm our relationship with one another. Together, we are uplifting Indigenization to a place of prominence at the University of Saskatchewan.