



Director of the School of Language Sciences & Literary and Cultural Studies

JOB NO: 461061

Michigan State University invites applications for the position of the founding Director of the School of Language Sciences & Literary and Cultural Studies (SLS&LCS). This will be a 12-month tenured appointment at the rank of professor in the College of Arts & Letters, to start July 1, 2018.

The School is being formed from the merger of the Department of Linguistics, Germanic, Slavic, Asian, and African Languages; the Department of Romance and Classical Studies (RCS); and the Center for Language Teaching Advancement (CeLTA). We seek a dynamic leader with significant administrative experience and a strong record of research, teaching, and service that merits a tenured appointment at the rank of professor in any of the Programs housed in the School. Outstanding candidates will demonstrate the ability:

- to encourage an inclusive environment for diverse groups in the School, and to develop and support strong collaborations across the School's diverse programs;
- to build and support partnerships throughout the College of Arts & Letters, the University, other institutions in Michigan, nationally, and internationally;
- to engage and integrate the School's pedagogical and research missions;
- to promote and develop large undergraduate and robust graduate programs;
- to enable colleagues, including faculty and staff, to progress on their paths to intellectual and professional leadership; and
- to call upon the interpersonal skill and sensitivity necessary to maintain open communication with the School's administrators, faculty, staff, and students.

REQUIRED APPLICATION MATERIALS

Qualified applicants should submit a) a letter expressing interest in this position and describing qualifications and experience, b) current curriculum vitae, c) the names and email addresses of 3 potential referees, and d) a summary of your experience with diversity in the classroom and/or in your past or planned research endeavors, any experience mentoring diverse students or community outreach initiatives, and an explanation of how you will advance our goals of inclusive excellence.

Review of applications will begin October 16, 2017, and will continue until the position is filled. Applications must be submitted electronically to the Michigan State University Human Resources website <http://careers.msu.edu/>.

Persons with disabilities have the right to request and receive reasonable accommodation.

For more information, see the full posting at <http://careers.msu.edu/>, number 461061, or contact the Chair of the Search Committee, Patti Spinner, at spinnerp@msu.edu.

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MSU is an affirmative-action, equal-opportunity employer. MSU is committed to achieving excellence through a diverse workforce and inclusive culture that encourages all people to reach their full potential. The University actively encourages applications and/or nominations of women, persons of color, members of the LGBTQ community, veterans and persons with disabilities.