Assistant Professor of Risk and Resilience in Urban and Urbanizing Regions

Department:
City and Regional Planning Section, Knowlton School of Architecture.

Position:
Risk and Resilience in Urban and Urbanizing Regions.

Rank:
Assistant Professor, though exceptionally well-qualified candidates may be considered for an appointment at the Associate Professor level.

Description:
The City and Regional Planning (http://knowlton.osu.edu/programs/city-and-regional-planning) Section of the Knowlton School of Architecture at The Ohio State University (OSU) is seeking applicants for a faculty appointment in Risk and Resilience in Urban and Urbanizing Regions. This is a full-time, tenure track appointment, to begin in the fall semester 2016. The position involves research, teaching, and service responsibilities. Salary and teaching load are competitive with other major research institutions.

City and regional planning occurs within dynamic and uncertain contexts. Cities and regions face continuing and unpredictable challenges, including natural disasters, public health crises, and social inequities. These challenges are best met via resilient cities and regions with the capacity to survive, adapt, and flourish in the face of turbulent change. Ideally, such cities and regions are not only able to recover from disasters but also address ongoing stresses such as infrastructure decay, urban violence, and food or water shortages. Resilient cities and regions are able to remain healthy, vibrant, and diverse by planning effectively, learning from experience, maintaining spare capacity where necessary, rebounding rapidly from shocks, limiting the impacts of failure, turning tragedy into opportunity, and rebuilding to become stronger than before.

Within this general area of risk management and resilience in urban and urbanizing regions, we are particularly interested in the following, which could be studied from a US or international perspective:

- Hazard planning and mitigation
- Public health
- Climate change mitigation and adaptation
- Social justice
- Planning under stress and uncertainty

The successful candidate will have an orientation in applied research and be well-grounded in the theory and practice of urban and regional planning. Applicants should have the background necessary to teach undergraduate through graduate level planning courses -- studios as well as seminars and lectures. Applicants with a Ph.D. (or equivalent) in planning or a related field in...
hand are preferred. Applicants with other research-oriented terminal degrees may be considered if they can demonstrate significant knowledge of planning. The preferred rank is at the assistant professor level, although especially well-qualified candidates may be considered for an appointment at the associate professor level.

This position is partially funded by Ohio State's Discovery Themes Initiative (discovery.osu.edu), a significant faculty hiring investment in key thematic areas in which the university can build on its culture of academic collaboration to make a global impact. The appointee will be among the first wave of hires in a multi-year trans-disciplinary initiative that seeks to attract established and emerging scholars to the University. Thus, the successful candidate will be able to communicate and work with students from other disciplinary backgrounds including architecture, landscape architecture, science, engineering, the social sciences and the humanities. He or she will join a highly collaborative interdisciplinary community of scholars in the Sustainable and Resilient Economy (SRE) program including faculty from Social and Behavioral Sciences, Humanities, Environmental Sciences, Business, Engineering and Public Affairs. The SRE program seeks to advance sustainability science by developing a more holistic understanding of sustainable and resilient production and consumption systems, human-environment interactions, and innovations in sustainable technologies and governance. We especially encourage applications from candidates with diverse backgrounds who have interest and experience working in an interdisciplinary environment.

**Qualifications:**
Preferred qualifications include the potential for effective research, strong training in theory and research methods, university teaching experience, as well as a commitment to mentoring members of underrepresented groups. Successful applicants will have the opportunity to participate in collaborative teams and interdisciplinary research on sustainability and resilience topics. Desired qualifications include a demonstrated interest and ability to collaborate with interdisciplinary teams including scholars from the natural and social sciences, engineering, and the humanities.

**Application Instructions:**
Applicants should email the following application materials to the Risk and Resilience Faculty Search, c/o Doug Sershen (sershen.2@osu.edu), scanned in the following order into a single PDF:

1. A cover letter summarizing the applicant’s qualifications, how their research contributes specifically to the topics identified in this add and courses they would be interested in teaching.
2. Curriculum vitae,
3. Names and addresses (including email and phone numbers) of three academic/professional references,
4. At most 3 research papers or publications.

The application file should be named: RISK_ CANDIDATE’S LAST NAME_FIRST NAME.
Review of applications will begin on November 15, 2015. Members of the search committee will be attending the ACSP conference in Houston and can arrange to meet with potential applicants.

Questions may be sent to Associate Professor Gulsah Akar, City and Regional Planning Section at akar.3@osu.edu.

**Commitment to Diversity and Inclusion:**
The Ohio State University is committed to establishing a culturally and intellectually diverse environment, encouraging all members of our learning community to reach their full potential. We are responsive to dual-career families and strongly promote work-life balance to support our community members through a suite of institutionalized policies. We are an NSF ADVANCE Institution and a member of the Ohio/Western Pennsylvania/West Virginia Higher Education Recruitment Consortium (HERC).

The Ohio State University is an equal opportunity/affirmative action employer. Qualified women, minorities, Vietnam-era veterans, disabled veterans, and individuals with disabilities are encouraged to apply.