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Director of Dance, Purchase College, SUNY

Company: Purchase College, SUNY
Location: Purchase, NY
Compensation: Commensurate with experience

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~~Director of the Conservatory of Dance, School of the Arts

The School of the Arts at Purchase College, SUNY seeks candidates for the position of Director of the Conservatory of Dance beginning July 1, 2015. Applicants to this position should possess significant leadership experience within a professional dance conservatory/school setting, preferably including both undergraduate and graduate programs. In addition, candidates are expected to be accomplished dancers, choreographers, dance scholars, or dance professionals with substantial higher ed teaching experience, enough to qualify for a tenured appointment at the rank of Associate or Full Professor at Purchase College. The salary for this position is commensurate with experience, and includes a location stipend and full benefits package.

Our ideal candidate will be comfortable working and thinking across disciplines, having interests and experience that extend beyond his or her specialty, and encompass broader approaches to dance practice and human knowledge. Successful candidates will demonstrate their commitment to student learning, success, and liberal education.

Responsibilities include oversight of 9 full-time and approximately 20 part-time faculty members providing training for around 140 undergraduate students. Curricular oversight is paramount, with the required budgetary, logistical, programmatic, and organizational understanding to deliver an internationally recognized professional program. The Director also serves as the Artistic Director of the Purchase Dance Company, whose members come from the student body of the Conservatory.

Other duties will include interacting with the Performing Arts Center and Neuberger Museum of Art, representing the dance discipline within the College and the community, as well as working closely with the Dean to maintain and cultivate new external relationships as they relate to dance, including supporters, donors, friends, and patrons.

Founded on the principle that artists and scholars are indispensable to each other and to an enlightened society, Purchase College combines professional conservatory programs in the visual and performing arts and distinguished programs in the liberal arts and sciences. Located 25 miles north of Manhattan in Westchester County, the campus celebrates individuality, diversity, and creativity as we encourage students to "Think Wide Open." At Purchase College, the arts play a special role – liberal education infuses the arts and the arts infuse the campus.

Purchase College is part of the State University of New York system.

QUALIFICATIONS:

A terminal degree (MFA, PhD, etc.) in an academic or studio discipline related to dance, or commensurate professional experience, is required. Evidence of effective leadership and increasing levels of responsibility in a professional program in dance – including demonstrable curricular, budgetary, and external relationship management experience, as well as strong written, oral, and interpersonal communication skills – is required. Experience teaching at the college level, demonstrated by at least six years of professional dance teaching experience, full-time, at a commensurate rank of Assistant or Associate Professor, is also desired. Experience with graduate professional programs in dance preferred. Minority candidates are STRONGLY ENCOURAGED to apply.

Applicants must attach the following to the online employment application:

- 1) Cover letter (maximum one-page) expressing interest in the position and summarizing qualifications.
- 2) Comprehensive CV specifying leadership achievements (please do not submit original materials). Candidates may send links to websites with media detailing creative work within the text of their CV, but this is not required.
- 3) Names, addresses, and e-mail addresses (and phone numbers, if possible) of FIVE references, who can speak to your leadership, professional, or teaching experience.
- 4) Two statements: the first is a writing sample of your choosing (scholarly work, opinion, proposal, etc.); the second is a statement of your philosophy about higher education in the arts.

To apply, please visit the following website: <https://jobs.purchase.edu> and complete an online application first. Phone calls, hard copy, or e-mail submissions of application materials will NOT be accepted.

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