The Clemson University Department of Landscape Architecture invites applications for the full-time position of Department Chair beginning August 15, 2013.

We are seeking an energetic Department Chair with strong leadership skills. The successful candidate should have excellent interpersonal skills and experience in academic strategic planning; fiscal and personnel management; external funding and sponsored projects; communicating with leaders in the private, public, and non-profit sectors; capital and departmental fundraising; and alumni relations. Ideal candidates will have a demonstrated ability to create an environment that fosters the recruitment, mentoring, and retention of faculty, staff, and students including promoting diversity and encouraging professional development. The candidate’s leadership style should be suitable for an emergent department with established programs while supporting consensus, inclusion, and transparency. Candidates must have a professional degree in landscape architecture and a terminal degree in landscape architecture or a related field. Candidates with a Ph.D. in landscape architecture or a related field and/or professional licensure in landscape architecture are particularly encouraged to apply. The candidate should have qualifications sufficient for appointment as a full professor with tenure.

The responsibilities of the Chair of the Department of Landscape Architecture include:

- Encouraging excellence in teaching and scholarship and fostering the academic growth and professional development of faculty, staff, and students;
- Supervising faculty and staff responsibilities and evaluating performance;
- Managing human, physical, and financial resources;
- Identifying and facilitating external funding opportunities;
- Recruiting and increasing student enrollment in undergraduate and graduate programs;
- Visioning, supporting, and coordinating state, national, and international Departmental programs in teaching, research, and service;
- Promoting the Department at various levels including nationally and internationally;
- Representing and supporting Departmental and faculty interests within the University; and
- Maintaining and developing positive relationships with alumni and other constituencies outside the University.

The newly formed Department of Landscape Architecture includes established BLA (1987) and MLA (2005) programs, both accredited professional degrees, as well as an interdisciplinary Ph.D. program in Planning, Design and the Built Environment (PDBE). The Department has approximately 100 students and 8 full-time faculty members as well as adjunct faculty and staff. The strong regional focus of the department is complemented by a broad international program, evidenced by award winning international studios and faculty research. The program requires a semester off-campus at one of Clemson’s three study locations including Charleston, South Carolina; Genoa, Italy; or Barcelona, Spain. The Department houses the award winning a.LINE.ments Studio that provides opportunities for community outreach, service-learning projects, and faculty research. In January 2012, landscape architecture moved into Lee III, a unique LEED Gold 55,000 s.f. facility with numerous energy efficient features including the largest university Garden Roof in the southeastern United States. In 2014, the Landscape Architecture Department will offer extended courses in the new Charleston Architecture Building currently under development. Additional information about the Department of Landscape Architecture at Clemson University can be found at: http://www.clemson.edu/caah/la/.

Clemson University is a top 25 public research university and ranked 11th across all university categories in its commitment to quality teaching. Clemson is designated as a high research activity institution with strong community engagement by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching. Founded in 1889, Clemson is the land grant institution of South Carolina with more than 19,000 students in over 200 degree programs. Located in the Upstate of South Carolina, the city of Clemson provides a small college-town setting on the shores of Lake Hartwell, near both the scenic foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains and the metropolitan areas of Greenville.
Spartanburg, SC; Asheville and Charlotte, NC; and Atlanta, GA. The University is also home to the 295-acre South Carolina State Botanical Garden and the 17,500-acre Clemson Experimental Forest. Additional information about Clemson University can be found at: http://www.clemson.edu/.

Applicants should submit the following materials in a single PDF:

1. Application letter explaining: (A) how the applicant’s qualifications relate to the position responsibilities (B) the applicant’s vision for a department of landscape architecture; and (C) the applicant’s academic interests and top achievements related to teaching, research, and service;
2. Curriculum vitae;
3. Names of five references with e-mail addresses and telephone numbers; and
4. A portfolio of scholarship/creative work will be requested at a later date.

Applications should be submitted to the Department of Landscape Architecture at ayeargi@clemson.edu. Please direct any inquiries to Dr. Matthew Powers, Search Committee Chair at powers8@clemson.edu or (864) 656-4408. For full consideration, applications should be received by December 14, 2012 although applications will continue to be accepted until the position is filled. Salary will be competitive based on background and discipline.

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