Shimberg Center for Housing Studies Faculty Position

The University of Florida’s Shimberg Center for Housing Studies in the M.E. Rinker, Sr. School of Construction Management invites applications for one nine-month tenured or tenure-track faculty position in housing studies beginning in the fall of 2021.

Appointments are expected to be made at the associate professor or professor level, depending on experience and level of accomplishment. Expected credentials include a terminal degree in a related field, relevant academic and/or industry experience appropriate for the area of expertise, university-level teaching, proven ability to attract nationally-competitive research grants and disseminate research findings. In addition, the candidate should demonstrate leadership in multi-disciplinary research and be motivated to collaborate with other faculty across the College of Design, Construction and Planning and within other colleges in the University of Florida. Successful faculty candidates will be expected to develop funded research programs, publish in peer-reviewed journals, supervise graduate student research, teach undergraduate and/or graduate courses, and provide service to the University, the community, and the profession. The salary and benefits package for the position is very competitive, and includes a negotiated faculty development package.

The Shimberg Center was established by the Florida Legislature in 1988 as a research hub to facilitate the provision of safe, decent, affordable housing and related community development. The Center conducts research into housing policy and planning, with a special focus on housing affordability for Florida residents, including families, elders, and those with special needs. Current research topics include housing instability, particularly family and youth homelessness; preservation of affordable rental housing; linking housing, land use, and transportation decisions; shaping healthier and more energy efficient affordable housing by policy and design; homes and housing for the growing older adult population and people with special needs such as physical and cognitive impairments; and sustainable and equitable solutions to disaster recovery and climate resilience problems in housing policy. In addition, the Center’s Florida Housing Clearinghouse provides comprehensive housing supply and demand data for Florida’s cities and counties (https://flhousingdata.shimberg.ufl.edu).

Applications must include a letter of interest; curriculum vitae; a two-page statement of teaching and research interests which explains how the applicant will contribute to the Center, School, and College; a one page statement of contribution to diversity, equity, and inclusion; and the names, addresses and telephone numbers of three references. To ensure full consideration, the required documents should be submitted by January 15, 2021 when the Search Committee will begin reviewing applications. The review of applications will continue until the position is filled.

The Shimberg Center currently has 6 full-time faculty and staff as well as graduate assistants and the Rinker School has 27 full-time faculty members, and offers Bachelor of Science, Master’s and PhD degree programs in Construction Management and Fire and Emergency Services. The College of Design, Construction and Planning is multi-disciplinary, and includes additional
undergraduate and graduate programs in Architecture, Historic Preservation, Interior Design, Landscape Architecture, Sustainability and the Built Environment, and Urban and Regional Planning as well as several interdisciplinary research centers that focus on community and landscape planning, geographical information system-based research, health and the built environment, resilience, sea level rise, and sustainable construction.

The University of Florida is designated as a Research I University and is home to 16 colleges and more than 170 research centers and institutes and UF offers nearly 300 graduate degree programs. The University of Florida is a Top 6 public research university and an equal opportunity employer with a strong commitment to diversity and inclusion. We prohibit discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, age, national origin, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, disability, veteran status, marital status, or any other legally protected status. Applications by women and members of all underrepresented groups are encouraged.

The City of Gainesville, home to the University of Florida, serves as the cultural, educational and commercial center for the north central Florida region. Known for the beauty of its natural surroundings, including springs and lakes, and numerous cultural institutions and recreational opportunities, Gainesville is one of the most attractive cities in Florida.

The selection process will be conducted in accordance with the provisions of Florida “Government in the Sunshine” and Public Records laws. Search Committee meetings and interviews will be open to the public; and all applications, CV’s and other documents related to the search will be available for public inspection. Questions may be directed to Dr. Robert Ries, Chair of the Search Committee, at rries@ufl.edu.

To apply for this position, visit jobs.ufl.edu. Job number for this vacancy is <Requisition number> and the deadline date to apply is <Posting Closing Date>. If an accommodation due to a disability is needed to apply for this position, please call (352) 392-2HRS or the Florida Relay System at (800) 955-8771 (TDD).

The University of Florida is an equal Opportunity Employer dedicated to building a broadly diverse and inclusive faculty and staff. The University of Florida invites all qualified applicants, including minorities, women, veterans and individuals with disabilities. The University of Florida is a public institution and subject to all requirements under the Florida Sunshine and Public Records laws.