

Fransen Endowed Chair of Real Estate

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- Grand Forks, North Dakota, United States
- Economics and Finance
- Tenure/Tenure-track Faculty
- Full-time Faculty

Salary/Position Classification

- \$235,000+ commensurate with qualifications and experience, 9-month contract
- 40 hours per week
- 100% Remote Work Availability: No
- Hybrid Work Availability (requires some time on campus): No

Purpose of Position

We seek an accomplished academic currently serving as a tenured Associate Professor or Full Professor whose record of teaching, research, and service merits tenure at UND at the Associate or Full Professor level in the Department. As the cornerstone of UND's new Real Estate Program, the successful candidate will play a vital role in building, leading, and elevating the program to national prominence. Working collaboratively with the Department Chair, this individual will provide strategic direction, guide curriculum development, mentor faculty, and engage with industry leaders to ensure students are prepared to excel in the rapidly evolving real estate landscape.

Duties & Responsibilities

The successful candidate will contribute significantly to the Department's teaching, research, service, and administration/leadership mission. The successful candidate will be an effective and engaging educator with experience and passion for teaching undergrad real estate courses. The successful candidate is also expected to maintain an active, high-impact research agenda consistent with AACSB Scholarly Academic Standards (SA), publishing in top-tier real estate, finance, or economic journals. Additionally, the successful candidate will mentor junior faculty in research and publication to strengthen the Department's overall scholarly output and reputation.

A key responsibility of this position is to provide visionary leadership to help elevate a successful real estate program within the Fransen Department of Real Estate, Economics & Finance. The incoming Fransen Family Endowed Chair of Real Estate will:

- Review and enhance real estate–related curricula, such as the B.B.A. with a Major in Real Estate (<https://und.edu/programs/real-estate-bba/index.html>), ensuring programs remain rigorous, relevant, and forward-looking.
- Advise and mentor students, assisting with professional development and career placement.
- Collaborate with industry professionals to foster partnerships that benefit students and the program.
- Contribute to outreach efforts that expand opportunities for students and strengthen the program’s reputation

About UND and Nistler College:

Established in 1883, the University of North Dakota is the oldest research university in North Dakota. Founded with a strong liberal arts foundation, it is the state’s flagship university and is classified by the Carnegie Foundation as having very high research activity (R1). UND offers degrees in more than 225 fields of study. It is the home of the state’s only School of Law and School of Medicine. The School of Medicine and Health Sciences has major initiatives in rural and public health, and Aerospace is home to one of the first and largest unmanned aerial vehicle programs in the world. UND was recently ranked among the top 100 public and top 25 most innovative universities in the country by U.S. News and World Report and is widely regarded as among the top universities in the American Northern Plains region. UND has experienced strong enrollment growth over the past five years and celebrated a historic milestone in Fall 2026 with 15,908 students enrolled.

The Nistler College of Business and Public Administration recently moved into a brand-new building (Nistler Hall) with state-of-the-art learning and research facilities. The College has experienced sustained growth in enrollment in recent years including enrollment growth of nearly 27% since Fall 2022. The Fransen Department of Real Estate, Economics & Finance boasts the largest number of overall majors and student credit hours across departments/schools in the College. The BBA with a Major in Finance is currently the largest major in the College.

UND is in Grand Forks, North Dakota, a vibrant college town of over 57,000 people located on the border of North Dakota and Minnesota. Short commutes, a great public-school system, high quality medical facilities, low crime, ample parks and theaters, and a cost of living below that found in large American cities are some of Grand Forks’ advantages.

Ranked as one of the top 5 Best Small College Towns, and America's Best Hockey Town, Grand Forks offers stellar quality of life without the metropolitan hassles.

Minimum Requirements

- PhD in real estate, finance or economics from an AACSB accredited institution.
- Currently holding a tenured Associate or Full Professor rank.
- Evidence of sustained teaching experience in undergraduate real estate related courses.
- Record of sustained academic research in areas related to the candidate's Ph.D.
- Evidence in support of AACSB Faculty Qualification (<https://www.aacsb.edu/educators/global-standards>) standards for Scholarly Academic (SA).
- Successful completion of a criminal history background check

In compliance with federal law, all persons hired will be required to verify identity and eligibility to work in the US and to complete the required employment eligibility verification form upon hire.

Preferred Qualifications

- Evidence of high-quality teaching in undergraduate real estate-related courses.
- Record of high-quality academic research in real estate finance and investment, housing, urban economics, or real estate-related topics commensurate with experience.
- Experience with academic program development and student retention and mentoring.
- Experience engaging junior faculty on research and publishing in reputable real estate, finance, or economics journals.

To Apply

For full consideration, applications must be received by November 16, 2026, and include the following materials:

- A letter of application detailing interest in the position, including relevant experience and qualifications.
- A current curriculum vitae.
- An annotated list of 5 references.
- Two to three recent publications and/or working papers that exemplify current research agenda.
- Representative sample of teaching evaluations and any other evidence of teaching effectiveness.

To review the full position profile and apply, please visit the Academic Search website:

Position Profile: <https://www.academicsearch.org/UNDRealEstateChair>

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Please note, all employment postings close at 11:55pm CST.