Full-Time Faculty Position in Real Estate Finance

The Graduate School of Architecture, Planning and Preservation (GSAPP) at Columbia University invites applications for a full-time faculty position in Real Estate Finance at the rank of assistant (tenure-track) or associate professor (tenured, tenure-track, or professional practice categories). A Master’s degree in Real Estate Development or a closely related field (e.g., Business, Finance, Economics, or Urban Planning) is required.

GSAPP is a school dedicated to engaging and shaping the local and global built environment in light of the urgent issues of our time, such as climate, equity, and emerging technologies. With Master’s programs in Architecture, Planning, Preservation, Real Estate Development, Urban Design, and Curatorial Studies, and doctoral programs in Architecture, Planning, and Preservation, GSAPP represents a unique environment that fosters thinking and innovation across scales and contexts, creating new forms of knowledge and practice. Located in the heart of New York City, the School has built its long legacy of excellence as an “urban condenser of ideas,” combining creative experimentation and unbridled imagination with disciplinary practice and incisive critical thinking. The Master of Science in Real Estate Development Program (MSRED) is a three semester program that combines the fundamental skills of professional real estate with a holistic approach to urban development as a creative act. The program is cross-disciplinary, drawing on its proximity to other modes of practice at the school, and is grounded in the three core tenets of global urban real estate development: the financial, the physical, and the social. The MSRED program weaves current knowledge and best practices from the industry together with rigorous theoretical learning, incisive critical analysis, and immersive real-world case studies.

GSAPP is especially interested in candidates who teach and conduct research in Real Estate Finance and can also play a key role in developing the core real estate finance course sequence and the finance-related electives in the MSRED program. Ideal candidates will have technical competency and experience in various aspects of real estate finance such as investment analysis, financial structuring, land options, construction loans, equity investing structures, whole and securitized debt, global capital markets, and/or REITs. The candidate should have strong interest in exploring global, national, and regional issues in urban development and the built environment and the capacity to collaborate with faculty across GSAPP programs on courses and research. Candidates in all ranks and categories will show clear evidence of expertise and have strong institution-building and communication skills. They must have demonstrated capacity for original work and show promise of significant continuing contributions to the discipline.

GSAPP faculty innovate their disciplines and enable students to be educated in current and past ideas and methods, as well as support students’ explorations and testing of new ideas. Therefore, we
welcome applications from candidates who are able to teach, conduct research, and/or practice in emergent directions.

Successful senior candidates being considered for hire at the rank of associate professor with tenure require extensive teaching experience, a substantial body of scholarship and research, interest in broader public engagement, and a capacity for multidisciplinary collaborations. A strong commitment to integrate theory and practice is desirable.

Tenure-track candidates in the assistant professor rank must show evidence of teaching and great promise in scholarship, research, and/or practice. Tenure-track candidates in the associate professor rank will have a demonstrated record of teaching, scholarly achievement, and show great promise of attaining distinction in their field of specialization. All tenure-track candidates should have interest in and capacity for collaboration with other disciplines.

Successful associate professor of professional practice candidates must show evidence of recent (within the past 3 years) or current contributions to the fields of the built environment through professional engagement and are expected to sustain an active professional practice. They are expected to articulate how their professional expertise and practice interests can contribute to and shape the direction of the disciplines and programs of GSAPP as well as the field more broadly. Candidates for the associate professor of professional practice rank will generally have five years of professional experience and show clear evidence of expertise and significant promise of continuing development.

Please visit our online application site at http://pa334.peopleadmin.com/postings/6773 for further information about this position and to submit your application.

Please submit a letter of application, CV, a statement of current and future research plans, writing samples, samples of work (research/projects), teaching philosophy and sample syllabi, student evaluations and names and contact information for three references. (References will only be contacted for shortlisted candidates). Review of applications will begin in late January, 2021 and continue until the position is filled.

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