

School Director

Arizona State University

T. Denny Sanford School of Social and Family Dynamics

The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences at Arizona State University (ASU) invites applications for the position of Director of the T. Denny Sanford School of Social and Family Dynamics with a concurrent appointment as a tenured Full Professor. ASU serves more than 70,000 students across five campuses, and has a rapidly growing digital immersion population. The Sanford School is located on ASU's Tempe campus. Tempe is part of the greater Phoenix metropolitan area, where demographic change, cultural diversity, and socio-economic disparities demand new models of higher education, which are highly relevant to ASU's charter (<https://www.asu.edu/about/charter-mission-and-values>). The anticipated start date for the position is July 1, 2020.

The T. Denny Sanford School of Social and Family Dynamics (<https://thesanfordschool.asu.edu/>) is home to a vibrant, interdisciplinary community of over 60 teaching, research, and clinical faculty members and 19 staff members, including a newly hired MacArthur Genius Fellow. It hosts two undergraduate majors (Sociology and Family and Human Development) with approximately 1,800 undergraduates enrolled in in-person, online, or hybrid degree programs. The School offers MA, MS (online and campus based), and PhD (campus-based) degrees in Family and Human Development and Sociology. The Sociology PhD program draws on 50+ sociologists across the university and 8 recent hires within the School. The Family and Human Development PhD program is ranked 6th overall in North America and 2nd in the area of Adolescence and Young Adulthood. The School's programs are designed to train students to think critically, to be accountable to the communities with which they engage, and to utilize a full repertoire of theoretical approaches and innovative research methods, with training in quantitative and qualitative approaches and an established specialization in measurement and statistical analysis available to doctoral students. The Sanford School engages diverse approaches to study society, institutions, communities, families, and individuals. The faculty contribute to many university initiatives, including The Global Sport Institute, The Latino Resilience Enterprise, The Southwest Interdisciplinary Research Center, The Children's Equity Project, The Measurement and Statistical Analysis Group, and The Global Center for Applied Health Research. Further information on the School's mission, programs, and collaborations can be found at <https://thesanfordschool.asu.edu/director-search>.

The Director will develop and implement visionary, strategic initiatives to articulate and advance the School. Further, the Director will provide effective leadership in sustaining a culture of collaboration and strengthening connections among faculty, staff, and students, while furthering ASU's commitment to inclusion and engagement with other academic units at ASU and the wider community. The Director will also maintain an internationally recognized research program and contribute to the teaching mission of the university. The Director will foster growth and innovation in the School's research endeavors; attract, develop, and retain exceptional faculty members from diverse backgrounds and disciplines; promote student

success and career readiness; develop interdisciplinary research and teaching initiatives; advance entrepreneurial opportunities; and enhance productive relationships within and outside the university community.

Minimum Qualifications

- PhD or equivalent in sociology, human development, or in a related field or discipline
- Distinguished scholarly record commensurate with the rank of Full Professor
- Academic leadership experience
- Demonstrated transdisciplinary experience

Desired Qualifications

- Understanding of and support for the breadth of disciplines and research approaches reflected in the Sanford School
- Experience in staff and personnel management
- Demonstrated success in financial management
- Track record of securing and/or managing external funding
- Potential to represent the Sanford School prominently in national and international conversations
- Demonstrated success meeting the needs of diverse student and faculty populations and reaching out to diverse communities.

Applications will be accepted through Interfolio, at <http://apply.interfolio.com/69703>. Please submit a letter of interest describing how you meet the qualifications noted above, and your vision for leadership of an interdisciplinary school; a curriculum vitae; a diversity statement addressing how your past and/or potential contributions to diversity and inclusion will advance ASU's commitment to inclusive excellence; and contact information, including e-mail addresses, for five references. References may be contacted at a later stage of the search and only with the candidate's approval. Review of completed applications will begin on November 23, 2019. Complete applications will be reviewed each week thereafter until the position is closed. For additional information, please feel free to contact the search committee chair, Director Pardis Mahdavi (Pardis.Mahdavi@asu.edu).

The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences values our cultural and intellectual diversity, and continually strives to foster a welcoming and inclusive environment. We are especially interested in applicants who can strengthen the diversity of the academic community. Learn more about what The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences has to offer by visiting <https://thecollege.asu.edu/faculty>.

A background check is required for employment.

Arizona State University is a VEVRAA Federal Contractor and an Equal Opportunity Affirmative Action Employer. All qualified applicants will be considered without regard to race, color, sex, religion, national origin, disability, protected veteran status, or any other basis

protected by law.

<https://www.asu.edu/aad/manuals/acd/acd401.html>. <https://www.asu.edu/titleIX>.

In compliance with federal law, ASU prepares an annual report on campus security and fire safety programs and resources. ASU's Annual Security and Fire Safety Report is available online at <https://www.asu.edu/police/PDFs/ASU-Clery-Report.pdf>. You may request a hard copy of the report by contacting the ASU Police Department at 480-965-3456.

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