Dick Wolf Director of the Carsey-Wolf Center and Presidential Chair in Media Studies

The Department of Film and Media Studies at the University of California, Santa Barbara is seeking a departmental colleague at the Associate Professor or Full Professor rank who will serve as the first Dick Wolf Director of the Carsey-Wolf Center and Presidential Chair in Media Studies. The position is for an established scholar with a proven record of academic leadership. The Faculty Director will have many opportunities to cultivate the vision and strategic planning of the Carsey-Wolf Center (CWC). Pending final approval of the Presidential Chair, the appointment is slated to begin on July 1, 2016.

The faculty of the Department of Film and Media Studies engages in research and teaching encompassing multiple scholarly approaches and a dynamic understanding of film and media study. We are a robust department with over 400 undergraduate majors and 30 doctoral students. With this appointment we seek to extend the department’s scholarly and curricular strengths and advance our department’s commitment to the CWC in bringing interdisciplinary media research, teaching, and programming to a broader public.

The Carsey-Wolf Center is an internationally recognized media research center. Featuring two foundational initiatives, the Media Industries Project and Environmental Media Initiative, the Center is a seedbed for new areas of research and projects that build bridges among media artists and practitioners, private and public institutions, and scholarly and archival communities. The CWC also houses the Pollock Theater, where the curatorial vision of the Center is realized through faculty-curated events that contribute to public conversations about global media environments and cultures. Both graduate and undergraduate students are engaged in many CWC activities that contribute to their educational and professional goals.

The future Dick Wolf Director of the Carsey-Wolf Center will play a crucial role in furthering the center’s mission and interests in the following ways:
• Planning, implementation, and assessment of Center programs and projects
• Overseeing the Center’s budget and staff
• Heading the Center’s Faculty Steering Committee
• Cultivating interdisciplinary partnerships with faculty across campus
• Developing public programs at the Pollock Theater
• Interacting with the Center’s Advisory Board of eminent industry professionals
• Raising external funds and cultivating donors in conjunction with Film and Media Studies faculty and the University’s Development Office

The department is especially interested in candidates who can contribute to the diversity and excellence of the academic community through research, teaching and service.

ELIGIBILITY: Eligible applicants should hold the rank and experience equivalent to the Associate or Full Professor title. PhD required.
TO APPLY: Applications are accepted via the UCSB Academic Recruit online system https://recruit.ap.ucsb.edu/apply/JPF00567, and must include 1) a letter of application outlining current and future research plans and leadership experience; 2) curriculum vitae; 3) one writing sample; 4) names of three references. Applications must be completed on or before December 16, 2015. For any questions, please contact Kathy Murray at kmurray@filmandmedia.ucsb.edu.

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