

FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY
MUSEUM OF FINE ARTS



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Director of the Museum of Fine Arts

POSITION PROFILE

The College of Fine Arts at Florida State University invites applications for the position of Director of the Museum of Fine Arts (MoFA), a faculty member at the tenured or tenure-earning rank of Assistant, Associate, or Full Professor. We are especially interested in candidates who will thrive at a public research university while contributing to our College's cultural diversity and standard of continued excellence. Candidates with established grant-writing capability, fundraising experience, expertise in curatorial activities, and relevant administrative experience are strongly encouraged to apply.







JOB RESPONSIBILITIES

The Director of the Museum of Fine Arts (MoFA) reports to the Dean of the College of Fine Arts and oversees a team of 3 full-time staff and several part-time staff. The Director also manages the contributions of a faculty curator and other curatorial faculty as appropriate.

This position:

- Plans, develops, coordinates, and implements all museum activities thoughtfully designed to engage and inspire an annual audience of approximately 18,000 visitors.
- Oversees an annual budget in excess of \$600,000.
- Maintains over 7,000 sq. feet of gallery space presenting from 10-12 original exhibitions each year.
- Promotes and preserves a permanent collection of over 6,000 artworks.
- Teaches a 1/1 course load in museum studies and/or related areas.

The Director is also responsible for significant grant writing to support essential museum activities and is expected to fund raise and cultivate collectors and prospective donors on behalf of the institution. Providing artistic and executive leadership, the Director works with an active Advisory Council of university leaders as well as community educators to advance the museum's reputation for excellence in North Florida, across the state, and throughout the country.

QUALIFICATIONS

The ideal candidate will be a compassionate, engaging, innovative, and inspiring leader and educator with the desire and experience to develop dynamic programs in collaboration and consultation with MoFA and College faculty and staff.

The successful candidate will:

- Have a terminal degree in a related field.
- Hold a record of achievement in teaching, academic research, and service appropriate for a tenured appointment.
- Demonstrate a proven commitment to diversity, equity, inclusion that creates an environment where diverse faculty, staff, and students thrive.
- Present a strong record of relevant experience in art museum/gallery operations to include administration, collections management, publications, budget development and oversight, and supervision of professional staff.
- Possess excellent writing and communication skills, including established grant writing capabilities.
- Demonstrate effective leadership and the ability to maintain effective working relationships by utilizing clear communication, appropriate delegation, and interpersonal skills.
- Ability to work collaboratively with diverse groups, including museum staff, university faculty and students, museum patrons, guest artists, guest curators, and volunteers/community members, to develop annual programming that is inclusive of all populations and varied in topics and point of view.



UNIVERSITY INFORMATION

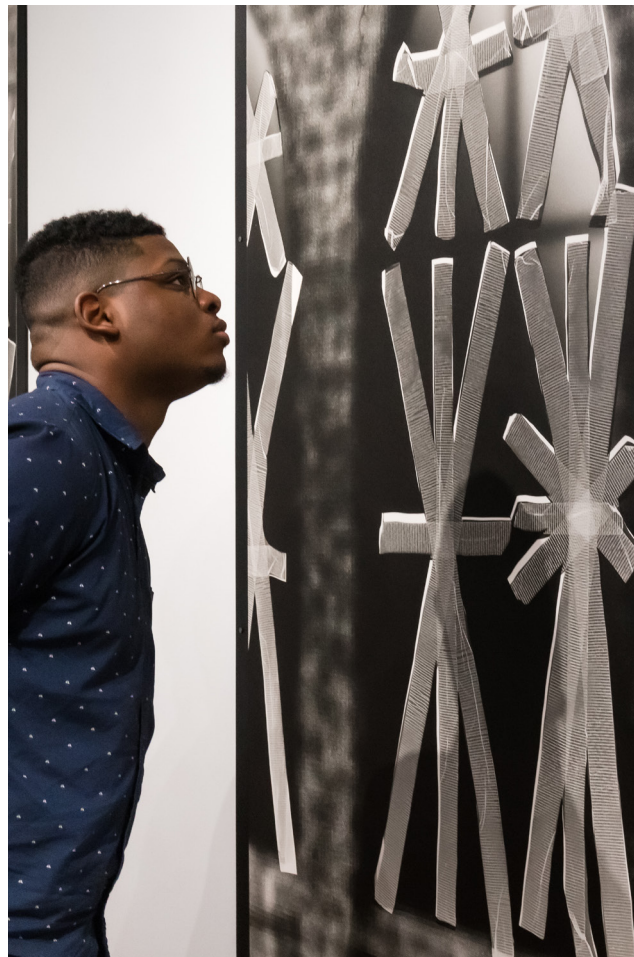
One of the nation's elite research universities, Florida State University preserves, expands, and disseminates knowledge in the sciences, technology, arts, humanities, and professions, while embracing a philosophy of learning strongly rooted in the traditions of the liberal arts and critical thinking. Founded in 1851, Florida State University is the oldest continuous site of higher education in Florida. FSU is a community steeped in tradition that fosters research, encourages creativity, and embraces diversity. At FSU, there's the excitement of being part of a vibrant academic and professional community, surrounded by people whose ideas are shaping tomorrow's news!

OVERVIEW OF THE FSU COLLEGE OF FINE ARTS

The Florida State University College of Fine Arts is a place where learning and creativity are nurtured through instruction, research, and practice. The College is a close-knit community of faculty, students, and professionals that functions as an art and design conservatory and liberal arts hybrid within a major research university. It is home to a unique combination of visual arts, performing art, and design studios, classrooms, performance spaces, galleries, and a museum. The current student enrollment encompasses nearly more than 850 undergraduate and 300 graduate students, working to become successful artists, designers, researchers, and professionals in their fields. The College comprises the School of Dance, the School of Theatre, the Department of Interior Architecture & Design, the Department of Art, the Department of Art Education, and the Department of Art History. It is supported by more than 100 full-time faculty, 50 adjunct faculty, 110 staff members, and a budget of approximately \$19.3 million.

Additional information about the College of Fine Arts can be found at cfa.fsu.edu





OVERVIEW OF MOFA

MoFA originated as the Fine Arts Gallery for Florida State University's School of Visual Arts. In 1971, the gallery moved into 16,000 square feet of exhibition, art storage, and work spaces in the newly-constructed Fine Arts Building, which continues to house the museum on FSU's main campus. The gallery's collecting, curation, research, and educational programs evolved over time, and in 1994 the gallery was re-designated as the Florida State University Museum of Fine Arts. MoFA currently holds accreditation until 2026 and was first accredited by the American Alliance of Museums (AAM) in 2003, and AAM granted re-accreditation in 2012 at which time its innovative program of exhibitions and publications was cited as "exemplary."

Please visit mofa.fsu.edu for more information.



TALLAHASSEE

The state capital of Florida, Tallahassee, roughly translated as “old fields” or “old town” from the Muskogean Indian language, is a vibrant community full of natural beauty and a thriving culture. With its rolling hills and canopy roads, Tallahassee is anything but what most people imagine when they think of Florida. Nestled among massive southern live oak trees dripping with Spanish moss, our beautiful town is simultaneously a respite from the hectic big cities and a lively community full of creativity. Being both a college town and state capital, Tallahassee is booming with arts and culture. With numerous museums and performance venues, beautiful city and state parks, and several significant historical sites, museums, and archives, MoFA is part of a lively and growing cultural community.



PAY PLAN

This is a 12-Month Faculty position. Salary and rank are commensurate with experience.

FSU TOTAL REWARDS

FSU offers a robust Total Rewards package. Visit our [website](#) to learn more about our Compensation, Benefits, Wellness, Recognition, and Employee Development programs.

Use our interactive tool to calculate Total Compensation options based on potential salary, benefits and retirement contributions, earned leave, and other employment-related perks.

HOW TO APPLY

If qualified and interested in a specific Faculty job opening as advertised, apply to Florida State University at <https://hr.fsu.edu/facultyjobs>. If you are a current FSU employee, apply via myFSU > Self Service.

Applicants are required to complete the online application with all applicable information. Applications must include education details even if attaching a Vita.

Each item below should be uploaded as a separate PDF in the additional documents section of the online application:

- A one to two-page cover letter detailing qualifications for this position.
- Up-to-date CV. Must include names and contact information of three professional references.
- A statement (no more than two pages) that demonstrates the candidate's commitment to diversity in addition to experience working with and teaching within diverse populations.

