Arizona State University’s Ira A. Fulton Schools of Engineering (Fulton Schools) seeks a highly accomplished scholar and strategic leader as the director of the School for Engineering of Matter, Transport and Energy (SEMTE).

SEMTE is one of seven schools in the Fulton Schools of Engineering with 98 faculty members and over 4,600 students enrolled in fall 2022 on the Tempe campus and online. With use-inspired research and highly regarded degree programs in aerospace engineering, biological design, chemical engineering, materials science and engineering, mechanical engineering, modern energy production and sustainable use, and robotics and autonomous systems, SEMTE faculty, staff, students and strategic partners are pushing the boundaries of innovation and academic excellence on an ever-increasing scale. SEMTE is a key element of ASU’s major evolution of the Fulton Schools to position them as one of the top 15 engineering schools in the U.S., and the director has an unparalleled opportunity to grow and transform the school to increase our impact as we address critical scientific, applied and societal challenges together.

The director of the school reports to the Dean of the Fulton Schools of Engineering and will be the academic and administrative leader of SEMTE. The director is responsible for visioning, strategic planning, operations, finance, academic affairs, external relations and advancement. These activities include working with faculty and staff to recruit and retain high quality students, hiring, developing and retaining faculty, supervising support staff, creating opportunities for externally funded research, fundraising and development and building strong interactions with industry, local, state and federal agencies and the greater community of Phoenix and Arizona.

One of the nation’s top public universities and ranked #1 in Innovation by U.S. News & World Report, ASU is well underway in its bold reinvention of higher education as the New American University. ASU has developed numerous new programs and units that bridge transdisciplinary boundaries to enable the exploration and discovery of new knowledge, while developing practical solutions to serve our communities and the world at large. ASU has strong and simultaneous commitments to educational access, research and teaching excellence and assumes significant responsibility for the cultural, social and economic vitality of its surrounding communities in the metropolitan Phoenix region and beyond.

One of the fastest growing academic research enterprises in the U.S., ASU has created a vibrant environment of discovery, interdisciplinary research and innovation focused on addressing society’s greatest challenges. Its research expenditures have nearly tripled over the last decade, totaling $831 million last year. The Fulton Schools play a pivotal role in this continued expansion.
For more information regarding this opportunity, including required and desired qualifications, the School for Engineering of Matter, Transport and Energy, the Ira A. Fulton Schools of Engineering, and Arizona State University, please review the search profile.

Qualifications and desired attributes for the Director of the School for Engineering of Matter, Transport and Energy

ASU seeks a school director with the following minimum and desired qualifications, professional experiences and attributes:

- A PhD in a SEMTE engineering discipline or related field and a distinguished record of teaching and research appropriate for appointment at the rank of professor with tenure in SEMTE.
- An innovative, curious and creative thinker who will leverage the Fulton Schools’ foundational strength and institutional resources and create a clear vision for the growth and transformational impact of SEMTE.
- Demonstrated leadership excellence of people, programs and resources within a complex organization.
- Strong interpersonal skills and relationship management capabilities; ability to interact with and engage diverse internal and external constituencies.
- Leadership style that energizes and inspires others and fosters clear communication, collaboration and a respectful and collegial work environment.
- Readiness to serve as the chief ambassador for the school, fostering industry and community relationships and enhancing the school’s national and international reputation at large.
- Demonstrated commitment to diversity, equity and inclusion.

Nominations and Applications

Application deadline is December 2, 2022. Applications will continue to be accepted on a rolling basis for a reserve pool. Applications in the reserve pool may then be reviewed in the order in which they were received until the position is filled.

Candidates are requested to submit the following:
- A curriculum vitae;
- A letter of interest (not to exceed two pages); and
- Contact information for four references (to be contacted with candidate’s permission at a later date).

Application materials should be sent to: ASUDirectorSEMTE@agbsearch.com

Additional materials, such as a teaching statement, research statement and diversity statement, will be requested at a later point in the search process. Interested individuals are encouraged to contact the consultants listed below by email prior to submitting materials.

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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 receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, disability, protected veteran status, or any other basis protected by law.

(See https://www.asu.edu/aad/manuals/acd/acd401.html and 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.

**COVID-19 Vaccination** - Arizona State University is a federal contractor and subject to federal regulations which may require you to produce a record of a COVID-19 vaccination. For questions about medical or religious accommodations, please visit the Office of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion’s webpage.