The American Indian Studies Program (AIS) is a leading undergraduate and graduate degree program among Southwestern research universities. AIS offers B.S. and M.S. degrees, an undergraduate minor, and houses the Wicazo Sa Review: A Journal of Native American Studies. AIS scholarship and teaching focus on tribal sovereignty, cultural integrity, and identity of the American Indian nations and peoples. AIS faculty are embedded in Indigenous communities, work cooperatively with other departments and programs across the campus, engage in a national and international network of professional associations and consultancies, and are dedicated to providing access, retaining, and graduating American Indian students and students of all backgrounds in a climate that is welcoming and respectful of their languages and cultures. Located on the Tempe Campus, ASU’s American Indian Studies is centered among twenty-one Arizona Indian nations, within a large urban Native population, and a growing university enrollment of more than 1,200 American Indian students from Arizona and elsewhere, making it a dynamic location to examine and address Indigenous issues.

The successful candidate will be committed to creating a learning environment conducive to critical and creative thought by and across ASU’s diverse student, faculty, and community populations, and will work to advance an ambitious vision to:

- Be among the Top 5 American Indian Studies programs in the world
- Provide models and research to demonstrate the value and relevance of American Indian Studies scholarship in support of American Indian nations, organizations, leadership, and community
- Develop the growth of the graduate program

Reporting to the Dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences through the Dean of Social Sciences, the Director will provide administrative leadership and academic vision, and will engage the faculty in shaping a productive, collegial environment that advances unit goals and objectives. The Director will also provide strong leadership in fiscal planning and administration, donor development and relations, the promotion of scholarship and external funding, development and implementation of strategic diversity initiatives related to faculty, staff and students, and in the exploration and development of opportunities for collaboration within and beyond the university.

Minimum Qualifications
- Terminal degree in American Indian Studies or related field
- A scholarly record commensurate with the rank of tenured Professor in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (advanced Associate Professors may be considered for expedited promotion to full in advance of start date)
- Demonstrated success in an administrative/leadership capacity

 Desired Qualifications
- Demonstrated work experience with interdisciplinary fields, tribal communities, community-based research, alumni and donor relations
- A record of externally-funded research
- Research focus in law, policy, decolonizing methodologies, governance, arts, economic development, traditional knowledge systems, cultural and intellectual property rights, or sustainability
- Demonstrated success meeting the needs of diverse student populations and/or reaching out to diverse communities

To apply, please submit to Alicia.Richardson@asu.edu as a single PDF document: a letter of interest which outlines qualifications, a curriculum vitae, and contact information including email for three references. References may be contacted at a later stage of the search and only with the candidate’s approval. Initial deadline for receipt of complete applications is November 18, 2016; if not filled, complete applications will be reviewed each week thereafter until the search is closed. A background check is required for employment.

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