

Director (Associate or Full Professor)

Title	Director (Associate or Full Professor)
Location/Department	Centro de Estudios Puertorriqueños
Position Detail	Start date is negotiable but desirable by January 2008
FLSA Status	EXEMPT
Compensation	Commensurate with experience.
Web Site	www.hunter.cuny.edu
Notice Number	FY – 13322
Closing Date	Open Until Filled with review of applications to begin 06/30/2007.

POSITION DESCRIPTION AND DUTIES

The Centro de Estudios Puertorriqueños/Center for Puerto Rican Studies is a university-based research institute, housed at Hunter College, whose mission consists of two components. One is to collect, preserve and provide access to archival and library resources documenting the history and culture of Puerto Ricans. The other is to produce, facilitate, and disseminate interdisciplinary research about the diasporic experiences of Puerto Ricans and to link this scholarly inquiry to social action and policy debates. The Centro is strongly grounded in the Puerto Rican/Latino community, answering to the community's research needs and nurturing the community's strengths and potential. Over the past thirty three years, the Centro has pursued an interdisciplinary intellectual agenda that has successfully engaged matters of fundamental importance to many fields of study in the university, as well as those issues germane to Puerto Rican Studies and Puerto Rican/Latino faculty and students. It has earned considerable respect and renown in the academy, both internationally and in the United States. It plays a role in several inter-institutional programs of academic and research collaboration in the United States, Puerto Rico and the Caribbean.

The Centro publishes an academic journal, policy papers and other scholarly and general public- oriented publications. The Centro also coordinates an academic exchange program with universities, research institutes, independent scholars, artists and students throughout the Caribbean.

RESPONSIBILITIES: The primary responsibility of the Director is to ensure that Centro has a first-class and scholarly reputation, and conducts cutting-edge scholarship in broad areas related to the Puerto Rican experience. The Director has the responsibility of establishing Centro policies and plays a leading role in the formulation of the Centro's interdisciplinary research agenda as well as participating in research activities. S/he provides the leadership needed to advocate for and enhance

the development of the Library and Archives. As lead spokesperson, the Director is expected to shape the projection of the Centro into the public arena and link it to the Puerto Rican community, to the university community, to the CUNY administration, to elected officials and policy makers, to the Centro's network of collaborating research institutions, to academic and professional organizations, to community-based organizations and to foundations and funding sources.

The Director works during the summer and receives a summer supplement. The Centro Director reports directly to the Provost of Hunter College.

QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

- A candidate should possess an earned doctorate or other terminal degree within fields such as the social sciences, education, law, social policy/work or the humanities appropriate to the Centro's mission. S/he must evidence a profound interdisciplinary understanding of the Puerto Rican experience. A candidate with a tenured academic appointment or a tenurable record is preferred.
- A candidate should be an intellectual leader and possess a strong record of scholarly publications.
- A candidate should demonstrate a history of committed involvement with and an intimate knowledge of the complex social and political dynamics of Puerto Rican community affairs in the United States.
- A candidate should demonstrate a successful record in fundraising and grants management.
- A candidate should possess a strong background in organizational and management skills.
- In a complex institutional environment, the director should be an accomplished and versatile team leader and network builder.
- A commitment to the mission of public higher education is desirable.
- A candidate who is fully bilingual in Spanish and English is highly desirable.

TO APPLY

Applicants or nominees must submit a curriculum vitae/resume of relevant experience, and the names of three references. In addition, each applicant must send a letter of no more than 1000 words setting forth his/her vision for the Centro's upcoming 3-5 year period and how s/he conceives of and would carry out the Centro directorship.

A sample of the applicant's scholarly work should also be submitted.

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