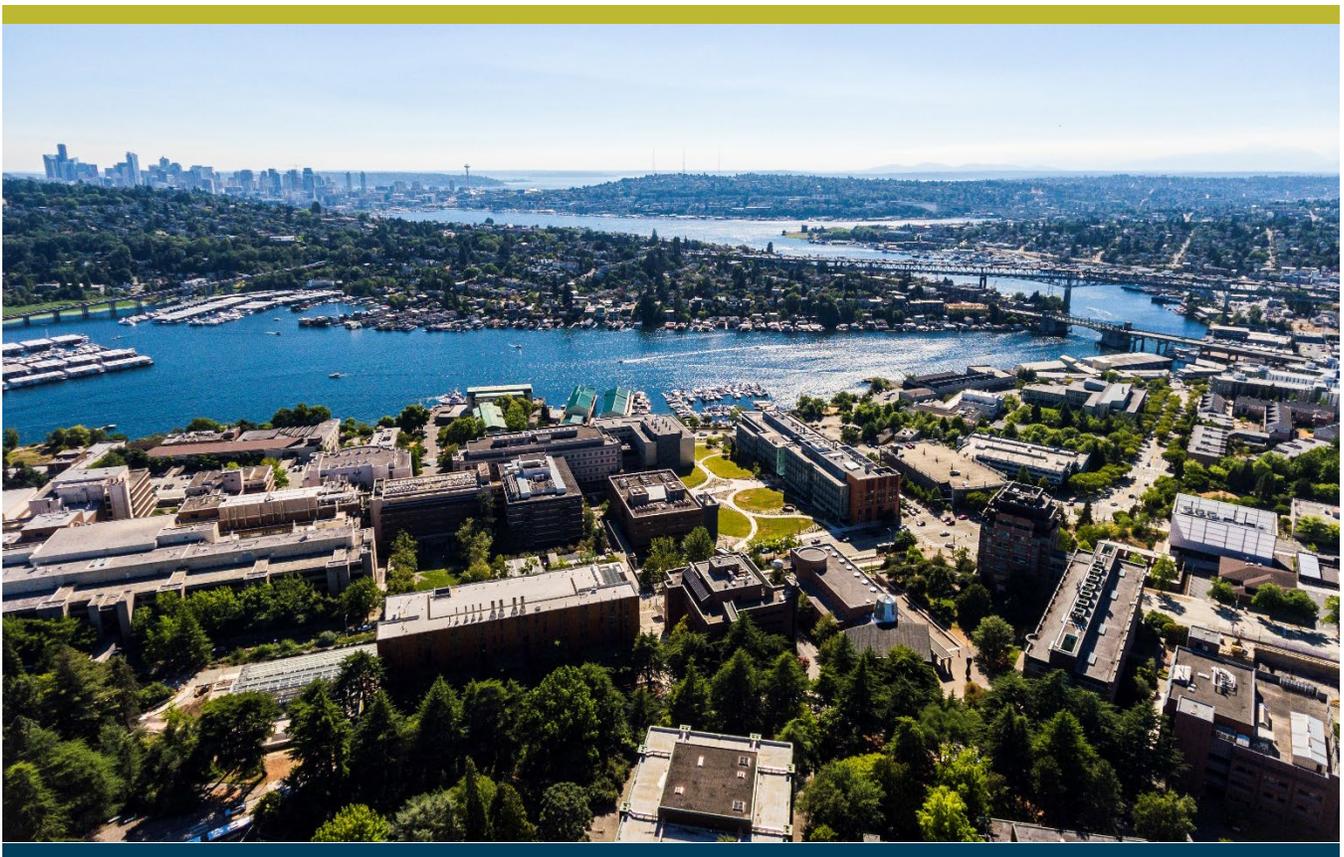




## **Chair, Runstad Department of Real Estate**

Leadership Profile

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## Role of the Department Chair

The College of Built Environments (CBE) at the University of Washington (UW) in Seattle is inviting applications for the position of Chair of the Runstad Department of Real Estate (RDRE). This full-time academic appointment will be tenured at the Associate Professor or Professor level, depending on qualifications. The base academic appointment is for nine months with two additional months while serving as Chair, with salary commensurate with qualifications and experience. The start date for this position is negotiable, but may be as early as July 1, 2022. The Chair role is a three-year renewable term, with the typical length of this administrative appointment being six years. After serving as Chair, the individual will be a full-time faculty member in the department.

The Chair will lead a steadily growing department with a strong national reputation based upon its location in the Pacific Northwest, its dedication to the education of its students, and the quality and impact of faculty research. The new chair will engage both the academic and professional community in an effort to expand the department's local, national, and global contributions. It is also critical that the new chair engages the [2021 CBE Strategic Framework](#). In so doing, the chair should create opportunities for the department to advance those stated goals in ways appropriate to the real estate field, while embracing an interdisciplinary approach in order to achieve a sustainable and equitable built environment.

The department offers a Bachelor of Science degree with a Major in Real Estate, a Real Estate Minor, a Master of Science degree in Real Estate, and two Graduate Certificates (Graduate Certificate in Real Estate and Graduate Certificate in Housing Studies). The department currently consists of four full-time faculty members and 19 affiliated lecturers. It has expanding undergraduate programs, and a strong and stable graduate program with a global alumni network. These programs equip future real estate professionals with strong financial, analytical, and project management skills, as well as a deep understanding of the legal and policy context in which real estate operates. The department enjoys an outstanding reputation within the real estate industry, from which it receives strong support including from an active advisory board of industry leaders. It also benefits from being located in Seattle, one of the fastest growing real estate markets in the US, and a hub for innovative companies developing real estate technology that provides solutions to industry and community needs. This environment provides exciting opportunities for students to engage, and world-class faculty who research a variety of major societal issues related to sustainability, affordable housing and the impact of technology in real estate, among others. More information about the department can be found at: <https://re.be.uw.edu/>.

The Runstad Department of Real Estate is one of five departments within the College of Built Environments, the other departments being: Architecture, Construction Management, Landscape Architecture, and Urban Design and Planning. The RDRE Chair will join a collaborative leadership team within the college, and partner with the dean and other chairs on efforts that strengthen the department, the college and the university. The CBE is a key unit within the University of Washington—which is a world-renowned Research 1 public university set within the striking natural environment of the Puget Sound region. In carrying out its mission, the CBE engages processes for planning, designing, and investing in environments by welcoming the expertise of citizens, community members, and others with diverse backgrounds and a wide range of lived experiences. More information about the college can be found at: <http://www.be.washington.edu/>.

University of Washington faculty engage in teaching, research and scholarship, and service. As department Chair, the successful candidate will: provide leadership to the department and help advance the department's strategic goals; foster the development and advancement of department faculty and staff; champion student success and the student experience; administer departmental budgets; develop quarterly teaching schedules; participate in advancement activities; and engage with industry leaders, public decision makers, and/or community experts. The Chair will also serve as a member of the Executive Committee of the College and will work collegially with college administrators and staff, and with the Chairs of the other departments, to advance the missions of the Department, College, and University. In addition, the successful candidate will be expected to teach courses in an area that is synergistic with the current offerings of the department including, but not limited to, real estate finance and investment, corporate or commercial real estate, or data analytics. The Chair will maintain an average teaching load of three courses a year (negotiable) while serving in this position.

## Qualifications

### Required Qualifications

- Demonstrated leadership experience in areas relevant to the position of Chair, including: faculty, staff, and student development/mentoring; budget planning & management; strategic planning; national leadership or service; and working with or within the professional community to build and sustain partnerships;
- Demonstrated real estate or related research and teaching records appropriate to rank;
- Experience in advancing equity, diversity, and inclusion goals, such as fostering an inclusive environment, working with students, faculty, and staff from diverse backgrounds, or incorporating diverse perspectives as a component of their experience in leadership, teaching and/or research;
- An earned doctorate (or foreign equivalent) in a related field.

## How To Apply

All applications, nominations and inquiries are invited. Applications should include, as separate documents, 1) a letter of application, 2) curriculum vitae, 3) statement of research and teaching interests, 4) statement of administrative philosophy and experience, 5) a diversity statement that describes your experience related to diversity, inclusion and equity, as well as your potential to contribute to the CBE diversity mission. Additional materials may be requested from candidates as the search process progresses. For fullest consideration, application materials should be received by November 16, 2021.

The University of Washington is using Interfolio's Faculty Search to organize the application processes for this search. Applicants to this position will need to create a free Dossier account to submit all application materials. For more information and to set up a Dossier account, go to:

<https://apply.interfolio.com/93321>. For more information on signing up, accessing your account, or

submitting your application, please review Interfolio's help and support section or contact them via email: [help@interfolio.com](mailto:help@interfolio.com), or phone: (877) 997-8807.

WittKieffer is assisting the University of Washington in this search. Nominations and inquiries can be directed to Ryan Crawford and Julia Bradley at [UW-ChairRealEstate@wittkieffer.com](mailto:UW-ChairRealEstate@wittkieffer.com).

## Commitment to Diversity

The University of Washington and the College of Built Environments is committed to building diversity among its faculty, librarian, staff, and student communities, and articulates that commitment in the [UW Diversity Blueprint](#). Additionally, the [University's Faculty Code](#) recognizes faculty efforts in research, teaching and/or service that address diversity and equal opportunity as important contributions to a faculty member's academic profile and responsibilities.

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