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HELSINKI UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY

Helsinki University of Technology (TKK) announces the following vacancy:

Helsinki University of Technology (TKK) is the oldest and largest technical university in Finland. TKK is at the forefront of research and teaching activities across a wide range of disciplines. The staff of TKK is nationally and internationally recognised as innovative and creative contributors to their specialist fields.

The Governing Authority of the Helsinki University of Technology invites applications for the **full-time permanent position** of:

INSTITUTE DIRECTOR OF THE CENTRE FOR URBAN AND REGIONAL STUDIES AT TKK

The post is a professorship. The field of the post is specified as:
Strategic Urban Planning, understood as the interdisciplinary basis and practice of urban development.

The Centre for Urban and Regional Studies is a multi-disciplinary unit, specializing in urban and regional planning research and education. The Centre was founded in 1968 and is a joint unit of the Finnish universities. The Centre has built up a large national and international network through its various activities. These include e.g membership in AESOP (Association of European Schools of Planning), co-operation with Nordregio in Stockholm and with IFHP (International Federation of Housing and Planning) and. The management of the Centre consists of the director and a board of eleven members. TKK and at least three other Finnish universities as well as the main governmental and municipal planning institutions are represented in the board. The Centres main functions in its field are:

- to provide cross-disciplinary further and postgraduate education
- to conduct research
- to maintain and develop national and international co-operation
- to develop planning practices aiming to improve the quality of the built environment
- to provide information service
- to act as an expert body

These functions are carried out in co-ordination with other Finnish universities. Additional information about the Centre is available at:

<http://www.tkk.fi/Units/Separate/YTK/index.html>

The successful candidate will be a scholar of distinction and of international standing in his/her field. The person appointed must have demonstrated ability to provide leadership in the field of Planning and Urban Studies within the academic community and contribute to the development of the subjects at national and international levels. S/he will be expected to promote multi-disciplinary initiatives within the Centre and University and so contribute to having these areas recognised as important disciplines in their own right, consistent with the importance given at national and EU levels. Successful candidate will play a role in helping TKK to further build its reputation as an internationally recognised centre of academic excellence.

The professor acts first of all as the Director of the Centre for Urban and Regional Studies. The professorship is in affiliation with the Department of Architecture.

The successful candidate must possess (mandatory):

- A doctoral degree in a relevant discipline;
- A good command of written and spoken English
- A distinguished record of research, as evidenced by publications in peer reviewed international and national journals and contributions to international and national conferences;
- A commitment to providing leadership in the development of the discipline of planning within the Institute, the University and the broader community;
- A leadership record, including a capacity to lead a team of members and colleagues involved in planning, to work as an active team member within the Centre and to support the specialists teaching/research activities of all the Centre's members in delivering their teaching and research programmes;

Ideally, the successful candidate will also have a number of the following characteristics/experiences (desirable):

- Teaching experience at university level, including the supervision of postgraduate students up to and including PhD level;
- Good international research/teaching connections and experience in the field of Urban Planning and Urban Studies
- Connections with the planning professionals and the planning community relevant to Finnish conditions;
- An ability to maintain strong linkage between TKK and the professional community involved in planning, and to inform public policy in relation to Strategic Urban Planning in its broadest sense and related issues;
- Experience and commitment in developing and supporting a flexible active research programme and the supervision of postgraduate students;
- Good organisational skills and experience to envision the future development of Strategic Urban Planning in a sustainable way as an academic discipline and activity in the University

- An ability to attract funding for development, which may include funding for one or more of research, curriculum development and teaching programmes, and a willingness to extend future endeavours into attracting funding.

Further information with details of duties and areas of responsibility is available from:
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Additional information concerning the application procedures is available from:
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The salary for the post will be based on the levels 8-10 of the demands level chart for teaching and research personnel in the new salary system of Finnish universities, and the job-specific component of the salary will thus be EUR 3874 – 4954 per month. In addition, the appointee will be paid a salary component based on personal work performance which is to be phased in gradually depending on the implementation stage of the new salary system.

The **particulars of nomination** containing information concerning the post and application procedures, are available from the Registrar's Office of the University, tel: +358 9 451 2030. The particulars of the nomination can also be read from the University's website: <http://www.tkk.fi/avoimet.virat>.

The application is to be addressed to the Council of Helsinki University of Technology. The closing date for the applications with appendices is **1.10.2007 before 3.45 p.m.** The applications should be sent to the **Registrar's Office, Helsinki University of Technology, P.O.Box 1000, FIN-02015 TKK, Finland.** Visiting address of the Registrar's office is Otakaari 1.