



The Center for Urban Pedagogy (CUP) seeks Executive Director

The Center for Urban Pedagogy (CUP) is a Brooklyn-based nonprofit organization that uses the power of art and visual culture to increase the quality of public participation in urban planning and community design. CUP specializes in creating interdisciplinary collaborations that bring together designers, educators, advocates, and community residents to improve urban life in New York City and beyond.

CUP projects begin with questions about how cities work: Who built public housing? Why are neighborhoods declared blighted? What are street vendors' rights? Collaborators use a research-based, design-driven process to create inventive tools for community participation and change.

Youth Education Programs offer middle and high school students experiential, project-based learning opportunities. Annually, CUP works with more than 500 New York City public school students through teaching artist-classroom teacher collaboratives, in-depth urban investigation courses, and partnerships with high schools.

Community Education Programs work with organizations to make complex policy issues accessible to lay audiences. CUP connects advocates with designers to develop educational materials—posters, videos, workshops, installations, and public presentations—that reach diverse audiences locally, nationally, and internationally.

The Executive Director will be responsible for supervising all aspects of the organization and will have the primary responsibility for program development and fundraising to support and grow the organization's \$250,000 budget. The Executive Director reports to the Board of Directors.

The ideal candidate will have demonstrated experience increasing the participation of historically marginalized people in decision making in urban development.

Responsibilities

- Oversee development and execution of programs and projects in pursuit of CUP's mission
- Lead fundraising and development from public, corporate, philanthropic, and fee-for-service sources to raise the necessary resources to sustain and expand CUP's work
- Manage staff, consultants, and contractors; support the growth and development of staff
- Oversee CUP's finances and operations
- Cultivate partnerships with community activists, the professional planning, art, architecture, and education communities, researchers, and philanthropists to further CUP's mission
- Collaborate with Board of Directors to set organizational goals and monitor/evaluate achievements
- Perform other related duties as required

Qualifications

- 5–7 years experience in a related field
- Successful fundraising experience
- Experience supervising diverse professionals and administering related programs
- Outstanding organizational, interpersonal, written, and oral communication skills
- Demonstrated experience working in community development
- Background working with a diverse population including community activists, artists, architects, academics, philanthropists, and policy makers
- An advanced degree is preferred in Architecture, Planning, Urban Studies, or a related field

To apply

Please submit your curriculum vitae and cover letter by May 1, 2009. Your cover letter should discuss how your training, work experience, and vision will complement CUP's need for leadership and innovation. Please include the names and contact information of three professional references, and your salary history and expectations.

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For further information, please refer to CUP's website at www.anothercupdevelopment.org

Women and people of color are especially encouraged to apply.