

ASU School of Interdisciplinary Forensics



The Opportunity

The New College of Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences at Arizona State University (ASU) invites applications for an inaugural Director for the School of Interdisciplinary Forensics (SIF).

The inaugural Director will help build an internationally acclaimed school that operates at the intersection of science and the law. The core mission of the School is to blend scientific rigor and training to advance the fair and effective administration of justice. Currently, the school has strengths in the behavioral and natural sciences and is anticipated to expand to include strengths in other disciplines that can contribute to the school's mission.

The School is embedded in the interdisciplinary and innovative environment of ASU's New College and charged with advancing the ASU Charter where we are "measured not by whom we exclude, but whom we include and how they succeed."

As a member of the prestigious Association of American Universities, Arizona State is a top-tier research university that has distinguished itself nationally as a New American University, one guided by a charter that promises an institution to be measured by accessibility, inclusion, student success, research of public value, and as a resource for the communities it serves.



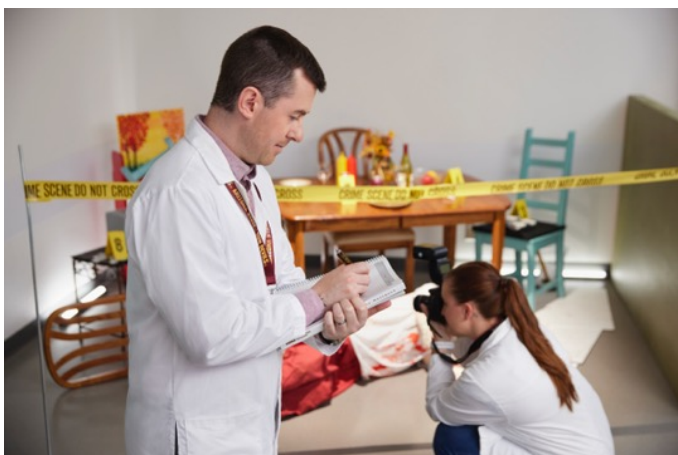
About the School of Interdisciplinary Forensics

The school currently offers undergraduate programs in Forensic Science and Forensic Psychology, masters programs in Forensic Science and Forensic Psychology, and a PhD program in Law and Psychology (<https://newcollege.asu.edu/sifs/degrees>) . These programs are among the most popular majors at ASU, with over 2,500 students currently enrolled and over 2,000 alumni.

Degrees offered include:

- **Forensic Science** (BS, both on-campus and online)
- **Forensic Psychology** (BA and BS, both on-campus and online)
- **Computational Forensics** (BS, on-campus)
- **Forensic Science** (Professional Science Masters, online)
- **Forensic Psychology** (MS, online)
- **Law and Psychology** (PhD, on-campus)

The School is building an on-campus MS program in Forensic Science and a graduate certificate in Human Factors in Forensic Science. Beyond these programs, the School maintains several interdisciplinary partnerships with other units and programs across the university.



Faculty in the School of Interdisciplinary Forensics are engaged in research that is crucial for addressing grand challenges facing the legal system. Current centers, initiatives, and research labs include:

- Future of Forensic Science Initiative
- The Law and Behavioral Science Initiative
- Social Psychology and Law Lab
- Crime Scene Lab
- The Law and Cognition Lab
- Forensic Psychology Lab
- The Psychology and Law Lab
- Youth and Families in Court Systems

The inaugural Director of the School of Interdisciplinary Forensics must be prepared to advance the following:

- **a strategic vision** that positions SIF to be the premier, future oriented school of interdisciplinary forensics that excels in both theory and practice;
- **effective education** through undergraduate, graduate, and postdoctoral research and innovative programmatic development and funding;
- **high-quality research** among a rapidly growing community of tenured and tenure-track faculty;
- **vigorous student enrollment**, building on multiyear, double-digit percent growth;
- **equitable inclusion** at the student and faculty level and across all aspects of the school's operations;
- **collegiality**, by developing transparent processes and clearly communicating and building consensus around shared objectives.



The School will continue to grow with new faculty hires recruited through national searches to expand and deepen program offerings and the research profile of the school. The Director will have the opportunity to build an exemplary School of Interdisciplinary Forensics located on ASU's West Valley campus, which offers a close-knit residential setting and the opportunity for students to benefit from individual faculty mentorship and ASU's innovative research and education environment. The new Director will continue the tradition of thinking broadly and holistically about the mission of the new School while achieving results that affirm the School's commitment to the ASU Charter and ASU Design aspirations.



Leadership Opportunities

Develop a Strategic Vision and Plan. In the next decade, the School is expected to more than triple in size. The inaugural Director will shape the direction of that growth, collaborating with faculty to develop and implement a strategic plan that defines the school's vision and ensures that faculty, staff, and infrastructure are in place to support that growth. The Director will be an expansive thinker and relationship builder who is able to work in a fast-paced environment to create and successfully implement new programs that have real impact.

Foster Interdisciplinary Collaborations. The problems facing the legal system are complex and vast, and their solutions transcend traditional disciplinary silos. The Director will have a unique opportunity to marshal the breadth and strength of faculty from across Arizona State University to form interdisciplinary collaborations to address longstanding and emerging challenges at the intersection of science and the law. In addition, the Director will develop relationships with funding agencies and help to establish large collaborative research grants and initiatives.

Grow Student Enrollment. The Director will work with faculty to develop new interdisciplinary degree programs (online and in the classroom) that expand upon the foundational breadth of SIF faculty and the broader ASU community.

Create Community. To elevate and unify the culture of the School, the Director will promote a work environment based on transparency and trust that is reinforced by forward-looking policies and procedures for SIF governance. The Director will support and mentor current faculty and staff and be able to effectively recruit and retain new faculty and staff as the School grows. The Director will be an advocate for the School and its faculty and staff, will understand and value the individual disciplines that encompass the School, and promote internal and external recognition that the school's greatest strengths lie in its interdisciplinarity. The Director will embrace a student-focused approach to undergraduate and graduate education.



Raise Visibility. The Director will seek to raise the profile of the School within ASU, the state of Arizona, the nation and global communities by developing signature programming in the interdisciplinary area of forensics that resonates with ASU's mission of access, excellence, and impact. The Director will build relationships with donors who seek to support student and faculty successes within the school.



Advancing the ASU Charter. The Director will be expected to engage in all leadership opportunities with explicit attention to the university's charter, wherein ASU is a comprehensive public research university, measured not by whom it excludes, but by whom it includes and how they succeed; advancing research and discovery of public value; and assuming fundamental responsibility for the economic, social, cultural and overall health of the communities it serves.



Required and Desired Qualifications

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The successful candidate must have:

- A Ph.D./doctoral/terminal degree in a field germane to interdisciplinary Forensics.
- A record of contributions to the broad field of forensics warranting appointment as a full professor, or a professor of practice. A Professor of Practice appointment requires ten years or more of experience in a related field.
- A record of excellence in leading complex, interdisciplinary teams.

Desired Qualifications

- A visionary capable of developing a foundation for the School of Interdisciplinary Forensics and inventing a bold interdisciplinary enterprise.
- Demonstrated track record of impactful research along with a commitment and ability to support others in their research initiatives.
- Commitment to promoting new and existing interdisciplinary collaborations in research and teaching.
- Demonstrated success in developing new initiatives, new programs, and/or new curricula for online and classroom instruction.
- Demonstrated experience in recruiting talented and multicultural faculty or scientists from current and related disciplines to expand and develop existing and new program offerings.
- Evidence of leadership experience in managing an interdisciplinary program or complex organization.
- Demonstrated record of advancing inclusive excellence by supporting the success of individuals from a wide array of backgrounds, including persons with disabilities and persons from underserved communities and/or first-generation, non-traditional, low-income students.
- Ability and desire to work with faculty, staff, and students to inspire community, enthusiasm, and excellence.
- A strong record of leadership that builds on the disciplinary multiplicity and combined strengths of the faculty.

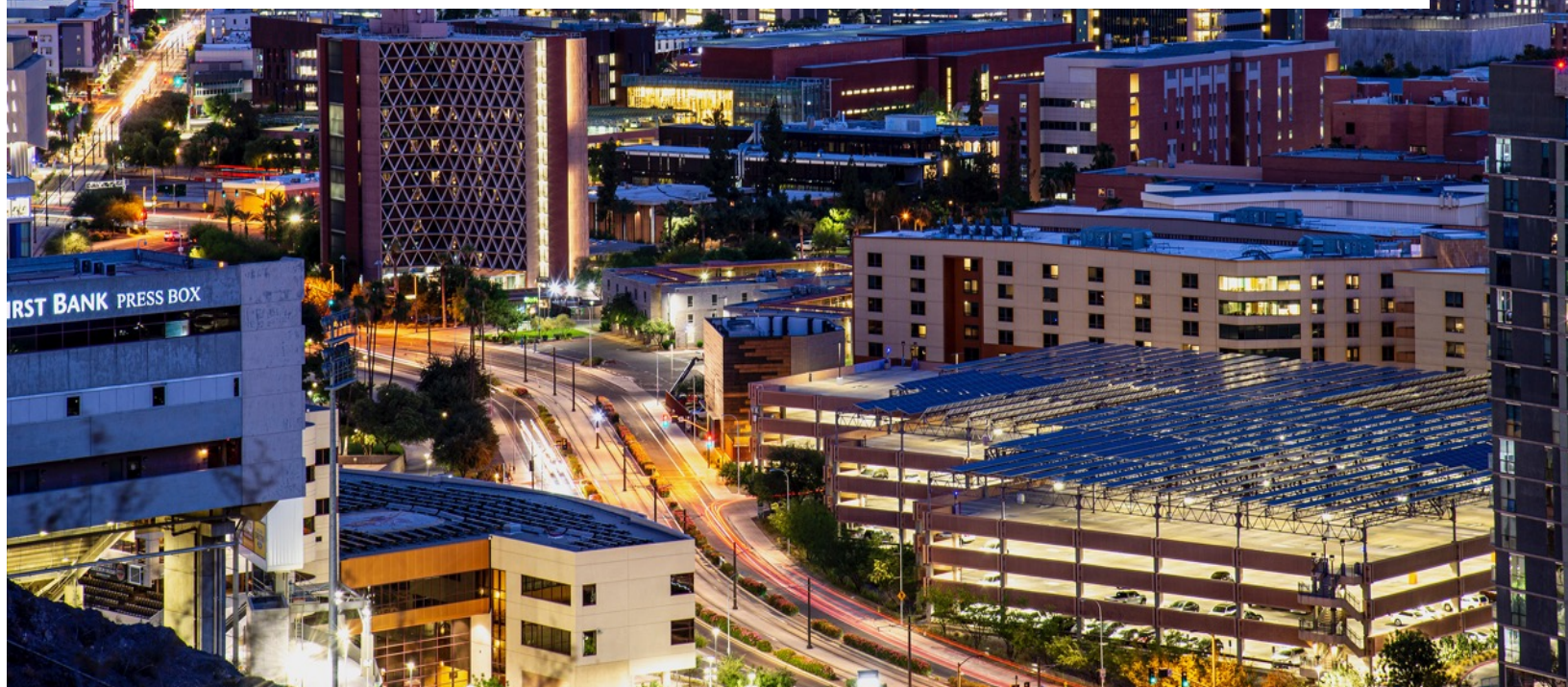
More information about ASU's New College of Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences can be found at: <http://newcollege.asu.edu>.

About Arizona State University

Arizona State University has developed a new model for the American research university, creating an institution committed to excellence, access and impact - the New American University: A comprehensive public research university, measured not by whom it excludes, but by whom it includes and how they succeed; advancing research and discovery of public value; and assuming fundamental responsibility for the economic, social, cultural and overall health of the communities it serves. Nine design aspirations guide the ongoing evolution of ASU. These institutional objectives are integrated in innovative ways throughout the university to achieve excellence, access and impact

ASU has been named the most innovative university in the nation by U.S. News and World Report for nine years in a row, recognizing the university's culture of groundbreaking research and partnerships, as well as its commitment to helping students thrive in college and beyond. The ASU faculty is at the forefront nationally in advancing research and discovery. The university's more than 5,300 faculty members inspire new ways of thinking, innovating, and solving problems socially, culturally, and economically in our region and in the international community.

ASU ranks sixth in the U.S. for research expenditures among universities without a medical school, ahead of University of Chicago, Princeton and Caltech, according to the National Science Foundation Higher Education Research and Development Survey. ASU is one of the fastest-growing research enterprises in the U.S. Since 2002, ASU research expenditures have grown more than sixfold, increasing from \$123 million to an estimated \$879 million in 2023.





About ASU West Valley campus

As part of the institution's growth and expansion, ASU has become "One university in many places" with four distinctive campuses in metropolitan Phoenix. Each campus provides access to the strength, innovation and endless opportunities offered by ASU. The [New College of Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences](#) is located on the lush West Valley campus. Committed to supporting the 14 communities that make up more than 50 percent of Maricopa County's future growth, Arizona State University's West Valley campus offers over 125 undergraduate and graduate degree programs, including forensics, behavioral sciences, business, education, engineering, health care, humanities, and honors curriculum.

The West Valley campus blends a liberal arts education with 21st-century workforce preparation. This combination is exemplified by degree programs offered by:

- The New College of Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences
- W. P. Carey School of Business
- Edson College of Nursing and Health Innovation
- Ira A. Fulton Schools of Engineering
- Mary Lou Fulton Teachers College
- College of Health Solutions
- Thunderbird School of Global Management
- Watts College of Public Service and Community Solutions

As a learning hub for students of all ages and backgrounds, ASU's West Valley campus also supports K-12 learners through ASU Prep Local, Herberger Young Scholars Academy, campus-based youth programs, local school and community partnerships, and extended learning opportunities such as Osher Lifelong Learning Institute.

The West Valley campus seamlessly integrates modern amenities such as classrooms, labs, residence halls, dining facilities, and a fitness complex, with the natural beauty of its subtropical landscaping, fountains, and outdoor spaces, creating a unique and innovative learning environment that blends harmoniously with its surrounding desert landscape. The campus, located in the northwest corner of Phoenix, borders the city of Glendale.

Commitment to Inclusive Excellence: Embracing our community

Arizona State University is deeply committed to our position as a New American University by enabling academic excellence, accessibility, and impact in communities around the world. This commitment is rooted in an academic experience in which our students are exposed to and learn from ideas and solutions from a wide range of perspectives.



A New American University

A new model for the American research university, creating an institution committed to excellence, access and impact; catalyzing social transformation, entrepreneurship and research to address society's biggest challenges.

Accelerating meaningful commitment and collaboration

Hispanic Serving Institution Designation

We embrace the culture of our community and catalyze social change through deepened partnership and collaborations in support of our Hispanic community.

[Pathways to opportunity](#)

Listen, Invest, Facilitate and Teach Initiative

In order to accelerate meaningful change in alignment with a national agenda for social justice, we committed to a series of actions to enhance access, growth, and opportunity for our black community.

[Our Commitment](#)

ASU Advance

Funded by the National Science Foundation, Advance translates the commitment of equity and inclusion in our Charter to that of faculty at all career stages.

[Faculty resources and tools](#)

Center for the Study of Race and Democracy

As the only entity in the state to position race and democracy in direct relation with each other, the center facilitates powerful and informed dialogues that deepen our understanding of historical issues and possibilities.

[Join the dialogue](#)

Applications, Nominations and Expressions of Interest

AGB Search is pleased to assist the New College of Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences with this leadership search.

For best consideration, applications should be submitted by **October 7, 2024** to the AGB Search portal at: [ASU Director, School of Interdisciplinary Forensics](#).

Candidates are requested to submit the following:

1. A letter of interest that describes: (a) the breadth of experience that will contribute to leading an interdisciplinary school; and (b) how the ASU Charter is reflected in past work and future plans.
2. A current curriculum vitae.
3. The names and contact information for five references (references will not be contacted during initial review and will only be contacted after candidate notification).

Nominations and expressions of interest in the Director opportunity are encouraged. Please direct them to ASUDirectorSIF@agbsearch.com or to the AGB Search consultants listed below.

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A background check and official transcripts are required prior to employment. Employment is contingent upon the successful passing of the background check.

Equal Employment Opportunity Statement

A background check is required for employment. Arizona State University is a VEVRAA Federal Contractor and an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer. All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, disability, protected veteran status, or any other basis protected by law.

(See <https://www.asu.edu/aad/manuals/acd/acd401.html> and <https://www.asu.edu/titleIX/>.)

In compliance with federal law, ASU prepares an annual report on campus security and fire safety programs and resources. ASU's Annual Security and Fire Safety Report is available online at <https://www.asu.edu/police/PDFs/ASU-Clery-Report.pdf> You may request a hard copy of the report by contacting the ASU Police Department at 480-965-3456.