



DIRECTOR

Nelson Mandela School of Public Governance

FACULTY OF COMMERCE

The Faculty of Commerce seeks to appoint a director of the Nelson Mandela School of Public Governance. The position reports to the Faculty Dean.

The Nelson Mandela School of Public Governance at the University of Cape Town (UCT) is a graduate school dedicated to fostering ethical, transformative leadership and strengthening public governance across the African continent. The school offers academic programmes designed to equip public servants, policymakers, and civil society actors with the skills and knowledge to drive developmental change. These programmes focus on strategic leadership, practice-informed change-making, and context-driven governance solutions. The school boasts a robust research programme which encompasses the following broad research areas, democratic governance, developmental regionalism, sustainable development, social inclusion, and public policy implementation on the African continent. The school has established itself as a key convenor of Pan-African leadership networks, strengthening partnerships and dialogue across sectors and nations.

The director will lead the Nelson Mandela School of Public Governance campus and the Memorial Centre. The Centre is envisioned to serve as a global public space for reflection, dialogue, and contemplation.

The **main purpose** of the position of Director is to provide strategic leadership in building the school, grow the academic programme and consolidate the research agenda. The ideal candidate will combine academic excellence, strategic leadership capabilities, and practical experience in governance and / or policymaking. They must demonstrate the ability to expand the school's networks, enhance its global standing, and foster innovation in teaching, research, and public engagement.

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Closing date: 15 August 2025

Reference:

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The University reserves the right to extend the closing date for applications if deemed necessary and reserves the right to make no appointment.