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THE SEARCH

The School of Professional Studies at New York University (NYU SPS) seeks a senior faculty member and exceptional administrative leader to fill the role of Associate Dean of the Jonathan M. Tisch Center and Jonathan M. Tisch Chair of the Tisch Center of Hospitality (Associate Dean). The successful candidate will be a distinguished industry leader and academic, with a strong record of achievement in higher education and evidence of significant leadership within the growing field of hospitality management.

This role offers a unique opportunity to shape the future of hospitality education at one of the world's most dynamic universities. The Associate Dean will lead a team of faculty and staff, leveraging NYU's global network and the Tisch Center's strong foundation to elevate its profile nationally and internationally. This position calls for a committed educator and seasoned industry professional who can bridge academic rigor with real-world relevance. The Associate Dean will also be dedicated to supporting and strengthening a vibrant student experience, both within and outside the classroom.

The hospitality industry is undergoing rapid transformation, driven by technological innovation, sustainability imperatives, and evolving workforce needs. The next Associate Dean will play a pivotal role in conceiving academically sound and timely programs that prepare students for leadership in this environment. Building on initiatives such as the Tisch Center's apprenticeship workforce program, this leader will champion experiential learning and innovative curricula that differentiate NYU in a competitive global market.

The Associate Dean will foster synergies across NYU's diverse academic units and strengthen partnerships with industry leaders, creating opportunities for interdisciplinary research, internships, and employer engagement. By advancing a vision that integrates rigorous scholarship with practical, career-oriented

learning, the Associate Dean will position the Tisch Center as a premier destination for hospitality education and thought leadership.

Equally important will be supporting faculty excellence and student success. The Tisch Center's faculty combine research expertise with industry experience, requiring a leader who can promote collaboration, invest in professional development, and reward both scholarly contributions and applied impact. The Associate Dean will also deepen employer relationships and leverage NYU's location and alumni network to enhance career readiness, ensuring graduates thrive in an evolving hospitality landscape.

The ideal candidate will bring advanced academic credentials, substantial professional and academic experience, and a global perspective. They will demonstrate strong leadership, management, and fundraising skills, along with cultural sensitivity and a commitment to inclusivity. This is an extraordinary opportunity to shape the future of hospitality education and make a lasting impact on students, faculty, and industry.

ABOUT NEW YORK UNIVERSITY

Founded in 1831 by Albert Gallatin with a vision of creating "a system of rational and practical education fitting for all," New York University has grown into one of the largest private universities in the United States and is among only 60 members of the prestigious Association of American Universities. From its first class of 158 students, NYU now enrolls more than 40,000 students across 20 schools and colleges, supported by a faculty of over 4,600 scholars whose teaching and research span the humanities, sciences, law, medicine, business, arts, and more.

Anchored in the heart of Greenwich Village, NYU is deeply integrated with New York City and draws inspiration from its energy and diversity. The University offers more than 2,500 courses and awards over 25 degrees, fostering vibrant academic communities within its schools and programs. In addition to its Manhattan and Brooklyn campuses, NYU maintains research facilities in New York State and has pioneered a global network model with a comprehensive liberal arts campus in Abu Dhabi and academic sites in major cities across Africa, Asia, Europe, and South America.

NYU's mission is to be a leading international center of scholarship, teaching, and research. It seeks to attract and retain outstanding faculty, create programs that draw exceptional students, and provide an intellectually rich environment that embraces diversity and global perspectives. Thriving at the intersection of disciplines and cultures, NYU leverages its location and worldwide presence to advance knowledge and prepare students to meet humanity's most pressing challenges.

ABOUT THE SCHOOL OF PROFESSIONAL STUDIES

For 92 years, the [NYU School of Professional Studies](#) has fostered a rich tradition of serving New York City and the world by providing educational experiences that prepare students who are just beginning on their

career path, as well as those who are seasoned professionals. The School of Professional Studies offers undergraduate degree programs, graduate degree programs, and certificates, as well as non-credit courses and certificates in a wide range of professionally oriented areas of study. All programs are designed to meet the academic and professional needs of students throughout their lives and their careers. Academic departments offer programs that provide a theoretical and practical education—one that is enhanced by rigorous curricula. Classroom learning is translated into real-world contexts by a cadre of outstanding faculty members who are leading practitioners in their fields.

The School of Professional Studies consists of the following departments and/or program areas:

- [Center for Global Affairs](#)
- [Center for Publishing, Writing, and Media](#)
- [Division of Applied Undergraduate Studies](#)
- [Division of Programs in Business](#)
- [Schack Institute of Real Estate](#)
- [Tisch Center of Hospitality](#)
- [Tisch Institute for Global Sport](#)

ABOUT THE JONATHAN M. TISCH CENTER OF HOSPITALITY

The NYU SPS Jonathan M. Tisch Center of Hospitality (The Tisch Center) is among the largest and most prestigious educational entities dedicated to hotel and event management, travel, and tourism. The Tisch Center's reputation attracts students from around the globe, and the Center sends its graduates equally far afield. The faculty, thought leaders, and expert practitioners combine theory with real-world applicability in their curricula.

The Tisch Center offers innovative undergraduate, graduate, and noncredit studies to prepare students for leadership roles in the global hospitality industry. The undergraduate B.S. in Hospitality, Travel, and Tourism Management attracts highly qualified, traditional-aged students and is unique for fully integrating an NYU liberal arts education with rigorous, professionally focused offerings. The Tisch Center's three Master of Science degrees in Event Management, Global Hospitality Management, and Travel and Tourism Management accommodate both full-time and part-time students. The hospitality industry is rapidly evolving to prioritize digital transformation, sustainability, and personalized guest experiences, while addressing workforce challenges and the need for continuous training and education. The Tisch Center endeavors to equip all students with the skills necessary to address these trends by integrating technology, ethics, and hands-on learning into the curriculum. The Tisch Center also offers numerous non-credit courses and sponsors invitational lecture series and conferences, including the NYU International Hospitality Conference, the Grossinger-Bergman Distinguished Lecturer Series, and fireside chats, to provide industry insights to the Center's wide range of stakeholders.

The Tisch Center's 12 full-time and 57 adjunct faculty members, along with a cadre of distinguished lecturers, prepare over 400 matriculated undergraduate and graduate students (as of Fall '25) to become leaders in their chosen fields.

The Tisch Center serves a diverse academic community, enrolling 213 graduate students and 194 undergraduate students as of Fall 2025, and boasts a network of 2,485 alumni worldwide. Its academic strength is supported by 12 full-time faculty, 1 visiting faculty, and 57 adjunct faculty, alongside 9 full-time staff who contribute to the Center's dynamic learning environment. Faculty bring a blend of scholarly expertise and industry experience, enriching the curriculum with practical insights and research-driven perspectives.

Financially, the Tisch Center generates approximately \$11.2 million in annual gross tuition revenue from graduate, undergraduate, and non-credit offerings. The new Associate Dean will oversee this revenue stream along with an annual expense budget, ensuring resources are aligned with strategic priorities and the Center's mission to deliver innovative, career-focused hospitality education.

ROLE OF THE ASSOCIATE DEAN

Reporting to the Dean of NYU's School of Professional Studies, the Associate Dean will be a committed educator and industry leader, with evidence of significant contributions in both academia and the hospitality industry. The Associate Dean will lead the Tisch Center faculty and staff, drawing support from the field to advance the academic mission of the Center. The Associate Dean will benefit from the collegial support and complementary academic expertise of the other units across the School and the University and will draw on the worldwide resources of NYU's global network to carry out a vision for the Tisch Center that succeeds in increasing its profile and visibility nationally and internationally.

KEY OPPORTUNITIES AND CHALLENGES FOR THE ASSOCIATE DEAN

Conceiving Academically Sound and Timely Programs

The hospitality industry is undergoing rapid transformation, requiring programs that are both academically rigorous and responsive to emerging trends such as sustainability, digital innovation, and workforce development. The next Associate Dean will need to anticipate these shifts and design curricula that prepare students to flourish in leadership roles in a dynamic global market. Building on the Tisch Center's newly launched apprenticeship workforce initiative, this leader has the opportunity to create innovative, experiential programs that differentiate NYU and strengthen its reputation as a forward-thinking institution.

Building and Sustaining Synergies and Collaborations

Fostering collaboration across NYU's diverse academic units while maintaining strong industry partnerships is essential but complex. Aligning priorities and sustaining engagement requires strategic relationship-building and clear communication. The next leader can leverage NYU's global reputation and prime location in New York City to deepen connections with hospitality organizations, expand internship pipelines, and create interdisciplinary initiatives that enrich the student experience and elevate the Tisch Center's visibility in the marketplace.

Advancing a Vision for Rigorous Higher Education

Balancing academic rigor with practical, career-oriented learning is a central challenge in hospitality education. Programs must uphold scholarly standards while remaining relevant to industry needs. The next Associate Dean has the opportunity to champion a vision that integrates research, experiential learning, and global perspectives, positioning the Tisch Center as a leader in hospitality education. This includes fostering innovation while maintaining NYU's commitment to academic excellence.

Supporting and Evaluating Faculty Excellence

The Tisch Center's faculty combine research expertise with deep industry experience, requiring nuanced leadership to support diverse professional goals. Evaluating performance and promoting collaboration across these domains can be challenging. The next leader can strengthen faculty engagement by investing in professional development, encouraging interdisciplinary research, and creating structures that reward both scholarly contributions and industry impact for both full-time and adjunct faculty, enhancing the Center's academic reputation and relevance to the hospitality sector.

Enhancing Student Career Development and Employer Engagement

Students expect strong career outcomes, and employers seek graduates who are prepared for an evolving hospitality landscape. Building robust employer relationships and ensuring the success of the apprenticeship program will be critical. The next Associate Dean can capitalize on NYU's location and alumni network to expand employer partnerships, integrate career readiness into the curriculum, and leverage experiential learning opportunities that position graduates for success in a competitive global market.

QUALIFICATIONS AND CHARACTERISTICS

The successful candidate will possess many of the following qualifications and characteristics:

- An advanced academic and professional credentials (Ph.D., or comparable advanced terminal degree preferred);
- A minimum of ten years of substantial direct professional and academic experience;

- Qualified to hold a clinical faculty position at NYU;
- A commitment to advancing a global agenda and building the global character of academic programs;
- Deep interest in engaging with diverse constituencies, including faculty, staff, students at all levels, alumni, and industry partners;
- Long-standing engagement in the hospitality sectors and deep relationships across the hospitality industries;
- Strong administrative, management, and leadership skills;
- Experience as a fundraiser and stewarding financial resources;
- Decisive, objective decision-making that moves processes forward in an environment open to change and innovation; and
- Cultural sensitivity and a deep appreciation of inclusivity.

COMPENSATION AND CONTRACT

In compliance with NYC's Pay Transparency Act, the annual base salary range for this position is \$120,000 - \$180,000. The range for the annual administrative stipend is \$80,000-\$120,000. New York University considers factors such as (but not limited to) scope and responsibilities of the position, candidate's work experience, education/training, key skills, internal peer equity, as well as market and organizational considerations when extending an offer.

This full-time position is a nine-month appointment with a multi-year renewable faculty contract. The Associate Dean position is a three-year, twelve-month administrative appointment that runs concurrent with the faculty role. The rank of the faculty position will be determined based on the candidate's experience and qualifications.

APPLICATIONS, INQUIRIES, AND NOMINATIONS

Screening of complete applications will begin immediately and continue until the completion of the search process. Inquiries, nominations, referrals, and CVs with cover letters should be sent via the Isaacson, Miller website using the following link: <https://www.imsearch.com/open-searches/new-york-university-school-professional-studies/associate-dean-jonathan-m-tisch>.

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