

**George Warren Brown School of Social Work
Washington University in St. Louis**

Michael B. Kaufman Professor of Practice in Social Entrepreneurship

Position Description

The George Warren Brown School of Social Work (Brown School) at Washington University in St. Louis seeks faculty candidates for the inaugural Michael B. Kaufman Professor of Practice in Social Entrepreneurship. A national leader in the social entrepreneurship and innovation movement is sought, who has a demonstrated command of this emerging field of practice and study. The inaugural professor will have practice knowledge, likely as a founder, and possess a strong vision for the scholarship needed to undergird and build this field. The inaugural professor will teach and lead curriculum, advise students at the masters and doctoral levels, build career and enterprise pipelines, and leverage opportunities for national leadership. The inaugural professor will advance to national prominence the social entrepreneurship efforts of the Brown School and the larger interdisciplinary and collaborative social innovation efforts across Washington University.

The Kaufman Professor will serve as a member of the Brown School faculty and hold a courtesy appointment with the Olin School of Business, building linkages between the schools as well as among interdisciplinary efforts with the Skandalaris Center for Interdisciplinary Innovation and Entrepreneurship and the Gephardt Institute for Civic and Community Engagement. The Kaufman professor will join a top-ranked university, catalyzing its thought leadership and curricula in social entrepreneurship.

Ideal Candidate

The ideal candidate will have experience advising or founding social enterprises. Higher education experience, as an adjunct or visiting professor, and knowledge of the academic enterprise are crucial as is command of the evolving field of social innovation and entrepreneurship. The candidate will also be able to demonstrate experience in building partnerships, negotiating hard decisions, and developing people and their capacity. Communication skills are a premium as is flexibility and evidence-based decision making.

About Washington University, the Brown School, and St. Louis

Washington University in St. Louis is a global leader in research and education with approximately 12,500 full-time students divided evenly between undergraduate and graduate/professional, 3,000 full- and part-time faculty members, and more than half a billion dollars in annual research expenditures. Founded in 1853, the university is an independent, Research 1 university with nearly 60 of the university's graduate and undergraduate programs ranked in the top 25 by US News & World Report. The Brown School is currently a flagship program that holds the top national rank. The university's undergraduate program is currently ranked at 14 overall and seventh in admissions selectivity, and the School of Medicine is number 6 nationally. Washington University attracts students and faculty from all 50 states and more than 100 countries, and the university offers more than 300 programs leading to bachelors,

masters, doctoral, and professional degrees. The university is organized into seven academic units: the School of Engineering & Applied Science, the School of Medicine, the Olin Business School, the George Warren Brown School of Social Work, and the Sam Fox School of Design & Visual Arts, the School of Law, and Arts & Sciences. Chancellor Mark S. Wrighton and Provost H. Holden Thorp lead the university. This dynamic leadership team is among the most experienced and talented in American higher education.

The Brown School is the world-leader in the creation and application of research in social work and public health locally, nationally, and internationally. The faculty, staff, students, and graduates seek to transform communities and social service systems through evidence-based approaches to interventions, quality improvement, and organizational change. The Brown School's commitment to transdisciplinary collaboration, represented by the current faculty who come from 34 distinct disciplines, benefits from strong research and educational partnerships with the Medical School and the wider Washington University community. As a result, the Brown School is recognized as a center of growth and innovation, considering new graduate degrees in international social and economic development and public policy, and offering many joint and interdisciplinary degree programs with architecture, business, divinity, law, and medicine, among others, as well as a dual degree program with Fudan University. The Brown School also fulfills its mission to pioneer research and apply those results through the work of many research centers and cross-university initiatives, including the Institute for Public Health. The Olin Business School is itself an outstanding school as one of the country's leading research-oriented business schools; its degree programs are known for demanding scholastic standards and emphasis on experiential learning. Among its many degree programs is a dual-degree MBA/MSW, the students of which show great interest in focusing on social entrepreneurship.

Greater St. Louis is the 19th-largest metropolitan area in the United States with a population of approximately 3 million. Thanks in large part to Washington University, other regional universities, and key Fortune 500 corporations, St. Louis is a national hub for important research and business development, especially in the fields of medicine, biotechnology, and science. The St. Louis region has been recognized as one of the leading entrepreneurial centers in the United States, and the Cortex Innovation District, of which Washington University is a lead partner, has contributed greatly to this advance. The Brown School is located on the university's Danforth campus, 10 miles west of downtown St. Louis, and surrounded by a number of vibrant neighborhoods, such as the Central West End and University City's Delmar Loop. Consistently ranked among the national's best places to live and raise a family, the St. Louis region offers affordable neighborhoods and high quality schools, in addition to all the amenities of a major city. The city provides numerous opportunities to enjoy professional sports, attend cultural events, and participate in a wide range of recreational activities, including the world-renowned St. Louis Symphony Orchestra and the St. Louis Cardinals baseball team. Bordering the university campus is Forest Park, one of the largest urban parks in the U.S., and home to many of the region's major cultural institutions including the St. Louis Art Museum, the Missouri History Museum, the St. Louis Science Center, and the St. Louis Zoo.

Application

Qualified applicants should send their application letter and CV along with contact information for five references via email to:

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