

The Society of Architectural Historians (SAH) invites nominations and applications for the position of Executive Director. Established in 1940, SAH supports scholarly excellence in the field of architectural history, broadly defined in terms of topic and methodology, and promotes meaningful public engagement with the insights that emerge from that scholarship. Through its state-of-the-art peer-reviewed scholarly journal to its digital archive of over 155,000 images to its annual international conference, SAH connects scholars, architects, historic preservationists, teachers, students, writers, curators, public historians, independent scholars, and other individuals from around the world.

SAH invites a creative, strategic, and dynamic leader to advance the Society's mission and lead nearly 3,000 members in defining the organization's role during a critical phase as it approaches its centennial.

SAH currently has approximately 2,300 individual members and 600 institutional members in 54 countries. SAH members also convene through 19 thematic and regional chapters, and eight affiliate groups. Each affiliate group focuses on a common interest, scholarly or otherwise, including Architectural Studies, Asian American and Diasporic Architectural History, Climate Change and Architectural History, Globalizing Architectural History Education, Historic Interiors, Minority Scholars, Race and Architectural History, and Women in Architecture. Individuals can choose to be members only of a particular affiliate group, although most are also members of the Society.

SAH promotes meaningful public engagement with the history of the built environment through advocacy efforts, print and online publications, and local, national, and international programs. SAH organizes an annual international conference, one of the foremost venues for presenting scholarship on the built environment. The annual conference encompasses scholarly papers, tours, plenary talks, social events, and a symposium on the host city. In 2023, the [annual conference](#) will be held in two formats and at two times of the year: in person (April 12-16, 2023 in Montreal, Canada) and virtual (September 20-22, 2023). In addition to the annual conference, SAH engages its members and others through the following activities:

- Publishing the [Journal of the Society of Architectural Historians](#) (JSAH), a highly regarded, peer-reviewed quarterly journal
- Publishing [SAH Archipedia](#), an open-access encyclopedia of United States architecture and landscapes
- Commissioning [Buildings of the United States](#) (BUS), an award-

There are many opportunities for members to engage in the Society's work and governance, including committees, affiliate groups, and chapters. SAH has multiple standing and ad hoc committees that support the Society and its staff by advising on matters of process, finance, and content. The Inclusion, Diversity,

Working closely with the Board and incorporating perspectives from the staff and the broader membership, the Executive Director will play an active role in the development of a strategic plan for SAH's future. This process began in 2021, and a committee has been formed and started gathering information to inform its work. The strategy should be innovative and forward-looking, building on the Society's recognized position as a leading scholarly association for the study of the built environment while considering the varied and diverse needs of its ever-evolving membership and community, both within the academy and beyond it. Through this strategic planning process, the Executive Director should have an eye toward prioritization, ensuring programs are aligned to the Society's mission and values, and consider the governance structure of the Society to ensure it is inclusive yet nimble.

The Executive Director will be a skilled communicator, both internally to the Society's membership and externally to other audiences. Internally, the Executive Director will ensure transparent and timely communication across and between the staff, Board, committees, affiliate groups, chapters, and the membership. The Executive Director will prioritize the accessibility of relevant information to the Society's large and diverse membership, ensuring that members are aware of and included in the various activities and opportunities provided by the Society. Externally, this leader will serve as an advocate for the Society, the field of architectural history and its relevance for contemporary concerns, and its many related professions. In doing so, the Executive Director will raise the visibility of not only the Society, but also the broader field.

Over the years, the membership of SAH has grown to include scholars, architects, historic preservationists, teachers, students, writers, curators, public historians, independent scholars, and other individuals from around the world. The Executive Director will partner with the Board, staff, and membership to identify avenues to support and grow the membership of the Society, continuously pursuing a more global and inclusive SAH.

The Executive Director will bring a steadfast commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion to all aspects of their work within and on behalf of the Society, promoting an understanding of architecture as a historical practice that intersects with power and society and envisioning architectural history in its most inclusive and intersectional sense. The Executive Director has an opportunity to build inclusive structures and processes while developing community expertise and mutual mentorship within and beyond SAH membership. In addition, the Executive Director is expected to create an organizational culture that elevates scholars within the Society whose self-identification or work represents previously under-recognized and/or unsupported directions for architectural history—including scholars outside of the United States—and supports scholarship and publications by women, particularly women of color, whose output has been most significantly affected by the pandemic.

Applications, nominations, and inquiries should be submitted electronically and in confidence to:

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<https://www.imsearch.com/8617>

Compensation is commensurate with experience with a minimum annual salary of \$140,000.

The Society of Architectural Historians is an equal opportunities employer and positively encourages applications from suitably qualified and eligible candidates regardless of sex, race, disability, age, sexual orientation, gender, gender reassignment, religion or belief, marital status, or pregnancy and maternity.