



Director of the Hirsch/Alperin Design Innovate and Build (DIB) Lab

Founded in 1889, The Wheeler School is a co-educational independent day school for over 800 students from Nursery through Grade Twelve in Providence, Rhode Island. Central to the School's philosophy is a simple concept: Wheeler is a place where we strive to make any pursuit possible for our students, where choice, inquiry, and interest are of primary import, where we know individuals well and insist upon and nurture intellectual character, empathy, critical thinking, and creative spirit.

Ideal candidates for faculty and staff positions at Wheeler are people with a sense of humor, warmth, and humility. They are excellent communicators, with an ability to listen and a desire to learn from colleagues. They are ambitious and hardworking, often going over and above to support and challenge students. When developing curriculum and programming, our faculty and staff members are collaborative, striving each year to stretch and grow, to implement new ideas that improve the Wheeler experience for students and our overall community. They come from all professional walks of life - graduate programs, private and public schools, other careers entirely. More than anything, our faculty and staff members love to spend their days with young people, and enjoy all that the Wheeler community - creative, energetic, dynamic, and diverse - has to offer.

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Reports to: Head of Strategic Innovation

Starting Academic Year 2020-2021

Job Description:

Wheeler is seeking an energetic and vision-oriented administrator/educator to direct the DIB Lab, a makerspace serving all the divisions of the School. The mission of the DIB Lab is to provide an inclusive, collaborative environment where hands-on, design teaching and learning strategies are used to teach students and faculty to ask questions and harness their creativity. Students learn to invent and build exciting projects using both high and low tech tools while learning to see failure as just another part of the learning process. Classroom teachers learn project-based learning strategies and technical

skills that they can bring back to their own classrooms. Ideal candidates have a makerspace and/or design-teaching background with experience working with children of all ages and collaborating with teachers from many disciplines.

Ideal candidates will be exhilarated by the whirlwind of activities in the lab. They will also hire and oversee a part-time staff of lab assistants to coach various teams and possibly be a coach. The Director will also teach students from all divisions. With an eye towards strategic program development, the director will develop relationships- with faculty, with students, with parents, and with the wider community. Ideally, candidates will have experience running a makerspace or similar learning environment and have at least a BA/BS in a related field. Given this range and importance of responsibilities, the DIB Lab Directorship is a twelve-month administrative position.

To learn more about Wheeler, please visit www.wheelerschool.org, and our Careers page [here](#).

Statement on Diversity and Cultural Competency

At Wheeler we actively seek students, faculty, and staff from diverse backgrounds in the belief that a broad range of experiences and viewpoints enhance learning, enrich life on campus, and better prepare us all for full participation in a pluralistic, democratic society. We seek to further the overall diversity and overall cultural competency within our community through hiring.

The Wheeler School is committed to our policy of nondiscrimination and equal opportunity for all employees and qualified applicants without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, age, national origin or disability, and any other category protected by federal, state, or local law.

HOW TO APPLY:

Please send a cover letter and resume to youngun@wheelerschool.org copied to careers@wheelerschool.org listing the position title in the subject heading. Please note that this search will close April 17.