



THE U DISTRICT PARTNERSHIP

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The U District Partnership (UDP) is an independent nonprofit organization in Seattle that serves as Program Manager for the University District Business Improvement Area (UDBIA) and has the capacity to engage in other independent activities. The U District Partnership is a community convener, catalyst, thought leader, and program service provider supporting and diversifying the greater neighborhood economy near the world-class University of Washington. The UDP promotes partnerships and enhances the overall University District environment and experience for all. The U District is a growing and diverse neighborhood with iconic businesses, arts venues, effective social service groups, and exciting new enterprises. With a new Light Rail Station opening in 2021 connecting to Capitol Hill, Downtown Seattle, and Sea-Tac Airport, developers and entrepreneurs are investing in new apartment buildings, office space, and retail businesses. On June 8, 2020, Seattle City Council unanimously passed a twelve-year renewal of the UDBIA, ensuring the stability for UDP programs and future growth.

The Executive Director, a visionary leader, skilled relationship builder, and expert community and nonprofit leader provides overall leadership and strategic direction for the UDP's high impact community-based programs. This leader manages a \$1.3 million budget and oversees a team of 4 dedicated community-focused professionals, 2 part-time staff, in addition to a contracted Finance Manager, Ambassador Program, REACH Outreach Program, and Cleaning Teams. This position reports directly to UDP's Board of Directors and provides support to the UDBIA Advisory Board. A collaborative leader and expert in urban best practices, the Executive Director will be experienced in working closely with nonprofit boards and public sector officials and be comfortable with street-level interactions key to credible communications with neighborhood stakeholders.

The ideal candidate must bring a deep and passionate commitment to UDP's purpose, core programs and initiatives, and a minimum of five to seven years of senior-level leadership experience in managing successful programs and services related to community development, urban planning, public/private partnerships, or nonprofit organizations. Experience with business improvement areas/districts, urban vitality best practices, and economic development would be an advantage. Additionally, proven experience in relationship building, working with nonprofit boards, and engaging directly with stakeholders in the community will be essential.

The U District Partnership has retained Campbell & Company to conduct this search. A full position guide can be viewed [here](#). To be considered for this opportunity, please send a letter of interest and resume to: UDPSearch@campbellcompany.com

