

Call for Participants
in the
Kimball Office Work Group (KOWG) to
Sustain Interior Design Education

Purpose: We are calling for interior design educators and practitioners to apply to be a **Recommendation Team Leader or Member** to implement one of the KOWG recommendations.

Due: February 28, 2009

Stipend: There is a small stipend for team leaders and members.

Background: The Kimball Office Work Group was challenged to develop recommendations and strategies to increase the pool of qualified interior design educators. The entire report is available at http://www.idec.org/documents/kgroup_recommendations.pdf and documents our work completed to date. It includes an issue statement, the situation, preferred vision, challenges, and strategic recommendations. The work is only made possible by the generous support of Kimball Office and its corporate interest in sustaining Interior Design Education in the 21st-century. The KOWG Report identifies five recommendations that will support sustaining interior design education via the development of qualified educators. Each of these recommendations must be implemented by a Recommendation Team.

Application: Please submit the completed cover page, a 250-word statement on why you are interested; and a 2-page bio of your qualifications.

Submit to: Jeff Beachum (jbeachum@idec.org) as an email attachment.

Following are the KOWG Recommendations that each team will implement. More information on each recommendation is available in the full report (http://www.idec.org/documents/kgroup_recommendations.pdf).

Recommendation 1. We recommend that credentials for several types of interior design education positions be identified and developed via an IDEC White Paper. The positions we suggest and qualifications or required credentials to be developed include:

- the practitioner-educator to teach in part-time interior design education positions
- the practitioner-educator to teach in full-time, non-tenure track interior design education positions
- the educator to teach in full-time, tenure track interior design education positions

Implementation by June 1, 2009.

Recommendation 2. We recommend that continuing course(s), methods, and materials be developed to teach ID practitioner-educators ways to contribute to scholarship (both research and creative performance).

Implementation by September 2009

Recommendation 3. We recommend existing graduate education programs and courses be identified, developed as an information source, and then be disseminated and promoted to practitioners to create awareness among practitioners of advanced interior design education opportunities, i.e., types of degrees, value of a graduate degree, types of programs, resources required and available, etc. There must be a tangible outcome with published information.

Implementation by January 2010

Recommendation 4. We recommend two strategies to create and advance relationships, opportunities, and understanding of needs among students, practitioners, and educators immediately.

a. Offer national conference dialogues by leveraging existing national industry conferences for 1-day events where undergraduate students, graduate students, practitioners, and educators would have joint sessions around given topics.

b. Include interior design educational careers within undergraduate Interior Design Career Days across North America.

Implementation by January 2010

Recommendation 5. We recommend three strategies to create and advance relationships, opportunities, and understanding of needs among students, practitioners, and educators over the next five years.

a. Create Academe and Practice Partnerships

b. Create and offer a Summer Teaching Boot Camp for Practitioners

c. Develop Centers of Excellence within Academia

Implementation by June 2010

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Employer _____

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Recommendation Number _____ Leader _____ Member _____

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- Attach 2-page bio
 - Attach or place here: Why you are interested in the KOWG purpose and this recommendation (limit to 250 words).