Yale University seeks a director to provide intellectual, creative, and operational leadership of its new Institute for the Preservation of Cultural Heritage. Founded with a $25 million gift from Lisbet Rausing and Peter Baldwin ’78, the Institute on Yale’s West Campus will create and disseminate new knowledge by uniting the vast resources of the University’s museum and library collections with the scientific, technical, and intellectual wealth of Yale’s schools and academic departments to advance conservation and digitization science and its practice around the world. Reporting to the West Campus Vice President, the director will initiate discussions about the Institute’s global agenda, engage in strategic planning, develop partnerships across the University and around the world, establish the priorities for the near and long term. The director will ensure that the mission of the Institute remains true to the core values of establishing international collaborations, publicizing best practices, engaging in innovative research, and conducting educational training at Yale and in situ internationally. In addition, it will be the responsibility of the director to ensure that the goals of the Institute are actively supported by the research and conservation enterprises of the Conservation Core and Digital Core. The director will also manage the Institute’s budget, hire personnel, and create and sustain its programs at the highest level of academic excellence.

Primary responsibilities:

1. Create and execute a strategic plan for the new Institute. The major goal is to unite the material and intellectual resources of Yale’s collections, schools, and academic departments. Develop plans for leadership, staffing, and infrastructure. Working with the Vice President, develop a budget for the Institute, including detailed project budgets. Consider the creation of an advisory board of intellectual partners from both Yale and internationally. Consolidate existing resources and distributed activities to meet mutual goals. Establish a working relationship with key funding organizations. In collaboration with the Office of Development and the Office of the Vice President, identify and cultivate new major sources of funding for research and outreach activities.

2. Create a physical and virtual center to conduct best research practices, convene global expertise and disseminate findings in the fields of preservation and conservation, with strategic emphasis on work that addresses global conservation challenges. Working with Yale’s faculty and collections staff, establish a program of applied research using innovative approaches for the preservation, conservation, and analysis of cultural and natural heritage. Create and implement a robust plan for faculty collaboration and develop a cohort of visiting global scholars and fellows, conservators, creators, artists, students, digital and information technologists, and curators that will provide for sustained and substantial academic collaboration and exchange over time.

3. Augmenting Yale’s substantial international partnerships and public affairs resources, plan and direct a program of concerted global outreach to increase preservation capacity around the world. This will include programs related to scholarly exchange and partnerships, translation of research, dissemination
of research papers and reports. Mount training programs worldwide to include seminars, workshops, and online courses as well as *in situ* training and technical analysis.

4. Supervise the staff of the Institute.

Qualifications:

1. Leader with international reputation for promoting the preservation of cultural heritage.

2. Track record of developing and executing strategic plans, operating and capital budgets. Natural collaborator who can instinctively work with a wide variety of internal and external partners to realize the Institute’s objectives. Experience in fundraising in an academic or museum environment; understanding of best development practices with corporations, foundations, and individuals.

3. Experience developing programs for international audiences, both *in situ* and Web-based. Excellent written and verbal communication skills.

4. Able to work with complex issues and manage multiple conflicting deadlines.

Required Education and Experience:

Advanced degree in a related field. Ph.D preferred.

10 years of related work experience or equivalent combination of education and experience.

To submit an application, visit http://www.yale.edu/hronline/careers/application/external/index.html, click on “Search openings,” and enter 18023BR as the “STARS requisition number.”