

SEARCH PROFILE:

ENDOWED CHAIR IN REAL ESTATE



UND UNIVERSITY OF
NORTH DAKOTA

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THE POSITION

The Fransen Department of Real Estate, Economics & Finance in the Nistler College of Business and Public Administration is seeking to hire a nine-month tenured faculty position as the inaugural Fransen Family Endowed Chair of Real Estate with a start date in August 2027. This appointment offers a unique opportunity to shape and lead a new and growing real estate program at a pivotal moment in its development.

We seek an accomplished academic currently serving as a tenured Associate Professor or Full Professor whose record of teaching, research, and service merits tenure at UND at the Associate or Full Professor level in the Department. As the cornerstone of UND's new Real Estate Program, the successful candidate will play a vital role in building, leading, and elevating the program to national prominence. Working collaboratively with the Department Chair, this individual will provide strategic direction, guide curriculum development, mentor faculty, and engage with industry leaders to ensure students are prepared to excel in the rapidly evolving real estate landscape.

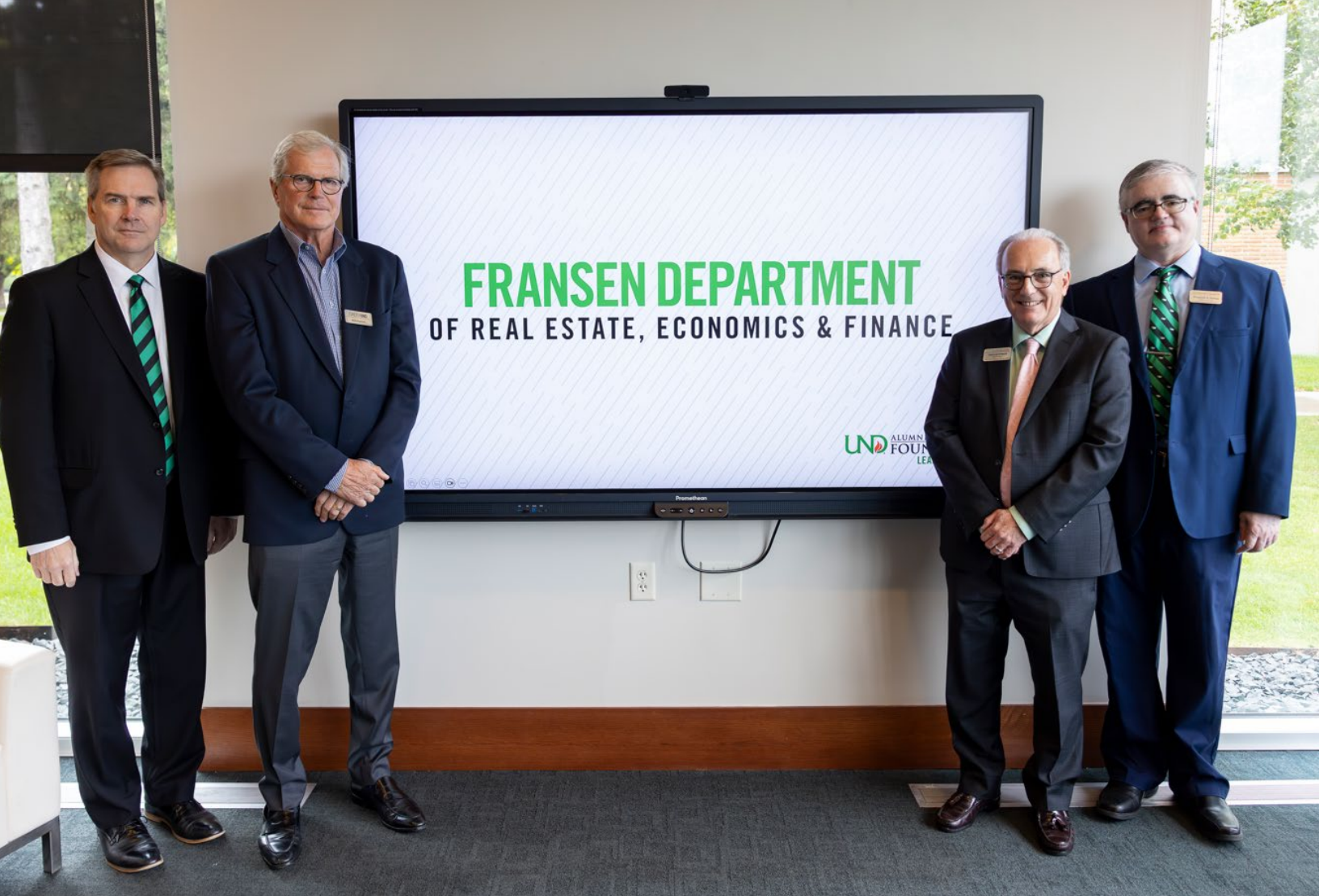


ABOUT UND AND NISTLER COLLEGE

Established in 1883, the University of North Dakota is the oldest research university in North Dakota. Founded with a strong liberal arts foundation, it is the state's flagship university and is classified by the Carnegie Foundation as having very high research activity (R1). UND offers degrees in more than 225 fields of study. It is the home of the state's only School of Law and School of Medicine. The School of Medicine and Health Sciences has major initiatives in rural and public health, and Aerospace is home to one of the first and largest unmanned aerial vehicle programs in the world. UND was recently ranked among the top 100 public and top 25 most innovative universities in the country by U.S. News and World Report and is widely regarded as among the top universities in the American Northern Plains region. UND has experienced strong enrollment growth over the past five years and celebrated a historic milestone in Fall 2026 with 15,908 students enrolled.

The Nistler College of Business and Public Administration recently moved into a brand-new building (Nistler Hall) with state-of-the-art learning and research facilities. The College has experienced sustained growth in enrollment in recent years including enrollment growth of nearly 27% since Fall 2022. The Fransen Department of Real Estate, Economics & Finance boasts the largest number of overall majors and student credit hours across departments/schools in the College. The BBA with a Major in Finance is currently the largest major in the College.

UND is in Grand Forks, North Dakota, a vibrant college town of over 57,000 people located on the border of North Dakota and Minnesota. Short commutes, a great public-school system, high-quality medical facilities, low crime, ample parks and theaters, and a cost of living below that found in large American cities are some of Grand Forks' advantages. Ranked as one of the top 5 Best Small College Towns, and America's Best Hockey Town, Grand Forks offers stellar quality of life without the metropolitan hassles.



THE OPPORTUNITY

The successful candidate will contribute significantly to the Department's teaching, research, service, and administration/leadership mission. The successful candidate will be an effective and engaging educator with experience and passion for teaching undergraduate real estate courses. The successful candidate is also expected to maintain an active, high-impact research agenda consistent with AACSB Scholarly Academic Standards (SA), publishing in top-tier real estate, finance, or economic journals. Additionally, the successful candidate will mentor junior faculty in research and publication to strengthen the Department's overall scholarly output and reputation.

A key responsibility of this position is to provide visionary leadership to help elevate a successful real estate program within the Fransen Department of Real

Estate, Economics & Finance. The incoming Fransen Family Endowed Chair of Real Estate will:

- Review and enhance real estate–related curricula, such as the [B.B.A. with a Major in Real Estate \(https://und.edu/programs/real-estate-bba/index.html\)](https://und.edu/programs/real-estate-bba/index.html), ensuring programs remain rigorous, relevant, and forward-looking.
- Advise and mentor students, assisting with professional development and career placement.
- Collaborate with industry professionals to foster partnerships that benefit students and the program.
- Contribute to outreach efforts that expand opportunities for students and strengthen the program's reputation.



QUALIFICATIONS

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:

- PhD in real estate, finance, or economics from an AACSB accredited institution.
- Currently holding a tenured Associate or Full Professor rank.
- Evidence of sustained teaching experience in undergraduate real estate related courses.
- Record of sustained academic research in areas related to the candidate's Ph.D.
- Evidence in support of [AACSB Faculty Qualification](https://www.aacsb.edu/educators/global-standards) (<https://www.aacsb.edu/educators/global-standards>) standards for Scholarly Academic (SA).
- Successful completion of criminal history background check.

In compliance with federal law, all people hired will be required to verify identity and eligibility to work in the US and to complete the required employment eligibility verification form upon hire.

PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS

- Evidence of high-quality teaching in undergraduate real estate-related courses.
- Record of high-quality academic research in real estate finance and investment, housing, urban economics, or real estate-related topics commensurate with experience.
- Experience with academic program development and student retention and mentoring.
- Experience engaging junior faculty on research and publishing in reputable real estate, finance, or economics journals.



APPLICATIONS AND NOMINATIONS

APPLICATIONS

The University of North Dakota is being assisted by Academic Search.

To apply, candidates should submit the following as separate PDF documents to the link below:

1. A letter of application detailing interest in the position, including relevant experience and qualifications.
2. Current Curriculum Vitae.
3. An annotated list of 5 references.
4. Two to three recent publications and/or working papers that exemplify current research agenda.
5. Representative sample of teaching evaluations and any other evidence of effectiveness.

For full consideration, application materials must be submitted by November 16, 2026, via the following link: www.academicsearch.org/UNDRealEstateChairApply

Position is open until filled

NOMINATIONS

Although nominations are not required to be considered for this position, leaders who know of outstanding candidates are welcome to submit confidential nominations by sending an email to UNDRealEstateChair@academicsearch.org. Please include the nominee's full name, position, institution/organization, and email address.

EEO STATEMENT

All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to disability or protected veteran status. People with disabilities and veterans are strongly encouraged to apply.

VETERANS PREFERENCE

Veterans claiming preference must submit all proof of eligibility by the closing date. Proof of eligibility includes a DD-214 or NGB 22 and, if claiming disabled status, a current letter of disability from the VA dated within the past 12 months.

CLERY STATEMENT

In compliance with the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act, the University of North Dakota publishes an Annual Security & Fire Safety Report. The report includes the University's policies, procedures, and programs concerning safety and security, as well as three years of crime statistics for our campus. Prospective employees are entitled to a copy of this report. The report and statistical data can be found online at UND.edu/annual-security-report. A paper copy of the report may also be requested from the UND Police Department located at 3851 Campus Road, Grand Forks, N.D. 58202.

CONFIDENTIALITY OF APPLICATION MATERIALS

Pursuant to NDCC 44-04-18.27, applications and any records related to the applications that identify an applicant are confidential, except records related to the finalists of the position, which are open to the public after the search committee has identified three or more finalists who will be invited to campus. Successful completion of a criminal history background check on the finalist is required. Applicants must be legally authorized to work in the United States.

ABOUT ACADEMIC SEARCH

Academic Search is assisting University of North Dakota in this work. For 50 years Academic Search has offered executive search services to higher education institutions, associations, and related organizations. Academic Search was founded by higher education leaders on the principle that we provide the most value to partner institutions by combining best practices with our deep knowledge and experience. Our mission today is to enhance institutional capacity by providing outstanding executive recruitment services, executive coaching, and transition support, in partnership with our parent organization, the American Academic Leadership Institute.

