Cornell University  
Department of Fiber Science & Apparel Design  
Faculty Position Announcement

Assistant, Associate or Full Professor – Fashion and/or Textile Design

The Department of Fiber Science & Apparel Design (FSAD) at Cornell University is seeking applications for a tenure track faculty position in Fashion and/or Textile Design with a commitment of 60% teaching and 40% research (open rank). FSAD is one of five academic units in the College of Human Ecology at Cornell. The unique profile of FSAD encourages design and science to coalesce in a true interdisciplinary nature whilst collaborative work across the campus and beyond is strongly encouraged to advance knowledge and education and maintain the departments' position as a leader in the field. The department is currently engaged in unprecedented development and expansion into new areas, including the development of a master’s program in fashion based in New York City and the launch of the Cornell Institute of Fashion and Fiber Innovation (CIFFI), the department’s formal association with the fashion, fiber and textile industry.

Applicants are expected to possess strong expertise in fashion and/or textile design, and interest in computational and/or smart fashion and textile design. The successful candidate, should possess excellent communication skills, and will contribute to the teaching and research profile of the department that offers Fashion Design, Apparel Technology, Fashion Design Management, and Fiber Science Ph.D., Master’s, and Bachelor’s degrees. Teaching responsibilities cover developing and teaching undergraduate and graduate fashion/textile design courses (including team taught fashion design studio courses), and contributing to the master’s program in fashion in New York City. Research emphasis may be in any area complimentary to current faculty. The successful candidate is required to establish a program of scholarly productivity in the form of refereed publications or creative work shown in refereed exhibitions, solicit funding for scholarly work, and develop visibility within the fashion and textile industries. Responsibilities also include advising M.P.S., M.A. and Ph.D. level graduate students and undergraduate students in the department of Fiber Science & Apparel Design.

Qualifications: A PhD is required. Teaching experience in an area related to fashion and/or textile design is essential. Research scholarship must be demonstrated. A clear definition of the focus of scholarly work is needed, while the area of emphasis is dependent on the background and interests of the candidate. We invite applications in all areas of fashion/ textile design, but especially welcome research ambitions where electronic, digital, biological and sensory interfaces are applied in fashion and textile design; or research that considers the social image, representation, and implications to fashion, sports apparel, and protective wear; or design research where surface, iconography, layout, dimensionality, or other interfaces of visualization that expand expectations of fashion and textile design. Experience with/within the fashion industry is essential.

Appointment: This is a nine-month, tenure track position with 60% teaching, and 40% research responsibilities at the rank of assistant, associate, or full professor. Salary is commensurate with qualifications. Excellent fringe benefits. Starting date is August 2014.

University, College, and Department resources: The department is housed in a new LEED certified building with labs and studios. Facilities include fashion design studios with industrial equipment, the 10,000 item Cornell Costume & Textile Collection (http://costume.cornell.edu/) in a climate controlled space, galleries and display cases, research laboratories, a laser cutter, four 3D scanners, a sweating manikin, a motion-capture system, a 3D printer, digital printing and finishing equipment, CAD labs, video conferencing capabilities and a fabrication shop, all with full-time technical support. Other campus resources include a world renowned library system, the Johnson Museum, advanced computing facilities, and the Entrepreneurship and Personal Enterprise Program.

Application Procedures: Application deadline is October 15, 2013 or when the position is filled. Submit curriculum vitae; portfolio and scholarly work; statement of research area and goals; statement of teaching philosophy; transcripts; and contact information for three references to: https://secure.interfolio.com/apply/21936.

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