

Chair, Fashion Studies - Fashion Studies
Columbia College Chicago

Columbia College Chicago's Fashion Studies Department seeks a Chair who is a forward-thinking, motivating team-leader with a deep network of fashion industry creatives and professionals. This transformational leader should be capable of guiding productive curricular, administrative, and operational processes in an environment of exciting institutional change. The successful candidate will have an appetite for complexity and aptitude for cultivating the dynamic opportunity of a faculty, staff and student body with very diverse expertise, viewpoints and professional approaches.

The department is composed of approximately 10 full-time faculty, 35 part-time faculty, and 6 staff. It currently offers a Fashion Design BA and BFA, and a Fashion Business BA and Minor totaling 600 enrolled students.

The Chair will be responsible for oversight of the development and delivery of the curriculum, setting departmental goals, mentoring faculty toward promotion and tenure, and developing and managing budgets to ensure each program's sustainability in alignment with the College's Strategic Plan. The Chair will report to the Dean of Fine & Performing Arts and will collaborate with other chairs and with college administrators.

The department is particularly interested in candidates with a vision for developing sustainable, future-focused fashion programs based upon a deep understanding of the broader discipline of fashion studies and practices as well as a nuanced understanding of the challenges facing higher education in the 21st century. The ideal candidate should have experience mentoring research initiatives, as well as developing national and international partnerships with academic and professional institutions. The position is an opportunity to lead in the context of a dynamic arts and media institution, which is in the second year of implementing an ambitious strategic plan, and in so doing contribute to the evolving articulation of the discipline of Fashion in 21st century liberal arts Education.

Qualifications

- Master's degree or higher in a program-relevant content area (merchandising, fashion design, consumer studies, or closely related discipline).
- Administrative experience with a proven track record of strong leadership skills and team-building.
- Rank of Associate Professor in a fashion or related program, preferably complemented with professional experience in the field. Comparable exceptional professional experience may be considered for rank, inquire upon application.
- Distinguished scholarly, creative, and/or professional endeavor in the field.
- Demonstrated ability to engage and foster a diverse learning environment for students, faculty, and staff and to help shape curriculum reflective of a culturally diverse global environment that considers issues of race, class, gender, and all of their intersecting realities.

Application Materials:

Letter of Interest, CV, List of 5 References

Review of applications begins January 31, 2017 and continues until the position is filled.

Additional Information

This is a non-union position.

Columbia College Chicago is an EEO Employer. Qualified candidates of diverse backgrounds are encouraged to apply.

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