

Full-Time Faculty Position in Fashion Design - Art Area

About Fashion Institute of Technology:

The Fashion Institute of Technology (FIT), an internationally renowned college of art and design, business and technology, of the State University of New York, invites nominations and applications for a full-time tenure-track faculty position in the Fashion Design Department, School of Art and Design.

The Fashion Institute of Technology, a part of the State University of New York, has been a leader in career education in art, design, business, and technology for nearly 70 years. With a curriculum that provides a singular blend of hands-on, practical experience, classroom study, and a firm grounding in the liberal arts, FIT offers a wide range of outstanding programs that are relevant to today's rapidly changing industries. Internationally renowned, FIT draws on its New York City location to provide a vibrant, creative community in which to learn. The college offers more than 45 majors and grants AAS, BFA, BS, MA, MFA, and MPS degrees, preparing students for professional success and leadership in the global marketplace.

With close ties to industry, FIT draws faculty from the city's art, business, and design elite, and from the rich academic community of the region. The College continually seeks creative faculty members who are passionate about their field and demonstrate exceptional professional capability in the core competencies of instruction design, learning enrichment, globalism, and use of technology, as well as mastery of established and emerging industry practices.

The School of Art and Design offers 17 degree programs and is home to fashion majors, a breadth of visual communication majors and fields as unique as toy design and visual presentation and exhibition design.

Art and Design faculty are industry professionals and foster meaningful curriculum that seeks to maximize the creative and technical potential in each student. Each major in the School of Art and Design is committed to stimulating analytical and independent thinking and faculty are committed to enriching student knowledge of global influences. Faculty members prepare students for entry and advancement in art and design careers and provide a collaborative environment that offers a rich and diverse array of interdisciplinary art and design-related projects and competitions.

Job Description:

Please note that the College reserves the right to select one or more candidates after having been duly reviewed and presented to the President in conformance with the provisions of Article 15 of the Collective Bargaining Agreement.

The Fashion Design program provides the expertise students need to develop the skills necessary to become superior candidates for positions in the fashion industry and related fields. The program offers a wide range of learning experiences through the rigorous AAS and BFA curricula. Students develop critical thinking, strong creative design development and technical

skills. Faculty members are industry professionals who draw on industry affiliations and advisory board connections to provide students with an in-depth view of the fashion design industry.

- The ideal candidate will be an established fashion designer with various levels of design leadership experience. The individual must be knowledgeable and current on successful industry practices and possess strong design development, team, brand building, and hand/illustrative and digital fashion art skill sets. In addition, a personal area of strength must be demonstrated, such as research and expertise in fashion technology and innovation, fashion show presentations or exhibitions, and/or writing curriculum. The candidate must be well suited to interdisciplinary and collaborative work critical to a diverse department, school, and college. The individual will work collaboratively to establish and implement a vision that supports the strategic goals of the department and school-wide level. All faculty members are required to contribute and participate in college-wide events.
- Ideal candidates will demonstrate expertise in the following areas:
- Conceptual development, collection/line building through superior traditional hand and digital skill sets applicable to fashion design.
- First-hand knowledge of the fashion design development, team and brand building processes with the ability to guide students in implementing these processes.
- Ability to synthesize and move readily between conceptual, hand and digital methodologies in the design development process.
- Knowledge of advancing social media, e-commerce, other brand positioning innovations and evolving practices.
- Active engagement with the current industry through professional experiences, in self-directed scholarly research and/or expression through creative works.

Successful candidates will excel in the following areas:

Globalism

- Demonstrate ability to work within, and to support and maintain productive relationships in multicultural environments, and model inclusive behaviors for students.
- Demonstrate awareness and values of sustainable design on domestic and international levels, applying those values to the design process that is environmentally, socially and fiscally responsible.

Instructional Design

- Demonstrate ability to incorporate a variety of instructional delivery methods including the use of demonstrations and specific project assignments.
- Demonstrate ability to utilize technology and electronic information to deliver course materials to students.
- Demonstrate ability to be responsive to industry changes and/or practices including technology.

Learning Enrichment

- Embrace the role of faculty as facilitators, mentors and integrators of information and knowledge.
- Possess the ability to inspire and encourage curiosity and creativity.
- Demonstrate ability to create learning experiences that foster critical thinking, problem solving, and informative literary skills.
- Utilize professional knowledge and experience for collaboration and teamwork within the classroom.

Professionalism

- Possess the ability to effectively speak on behalf of the department and/or college with industry supporters.
- Participate actively in the fashion industry including current connections and/or membership in organizations.
- Demonstrate a continued focus on creative and scholarly work specific to the discipline.
- Possess the ability to organize and lead committees, take on special initiatives, both for the department and the college.
- Demonstrate strong leadership, self-motivation and team player qualities.

Technology

- Demonstrate proven experience and commitment to maintaining updated technological skills and knowledge.
- Demonstrate a track record and commitment to maintaining updated technical skills and knowledge.

Requirements:

Candidates are required to have six (6) years of professional experience as a fashion designer. A Bachelor's degree is required. Candidates are required to present a strong portfolio showcasing their professional work, inclusive of relevant press and/or industry acknowledgements. The ideal candidate will demonstrate superior conceptual, traditional illustrative and digital skill sets.

Preferred Qualification:

Master's degree preferred. Three (3) years or more teaching experience. Digital software skills as utilized by fashion designers are a plus.

Additional Information:

This is a full-time, tenure-track position beginning in Fall 2018. Review of applications will commence immediately and continue until the position is filled. Salary and appointment rank will be based on education level and cumulative experience.

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Online applications are strongly encouraged. Please note incomplete applications will not be considered.

To apply online, please visit:

<https://fitnyc.interviewexchange.com/jobofferdetails.jsp;jsessionid=2218D8E5EED5F9321FCA49D440CCAEA7?JOBID=88478>

For consideration, please provide:

- Letter of interest clearly indicating your qualifications for the position;
- Professional Resume/Curriculum Vitae;
- A minimum of three professional references, including names, titles, addresses, phone numbers, and e-mail contact information.
- Digital portfolio in .pdf format (less than 20 MB) with garment sketches/photo samples of current professional fashion design work OR a URL to a professional portfolio website.
- A .pdf (less than 20 MB) of your press kit or look book.

Candidates whose applications are accepted will be contacted by the search committee and will be requested to submit the following:

- A .pdf of a professional portfolio with five (5) additional samples of recent fashion design work (fashion sketches, garment photos or samples, and/or technical design packages).
- A demonstration lesson may be part of the interview process.

Please note due that due to the volume of applications, we will not be able to contact each applicant individually. Additional information about the Fashion Institute of Technology can be found at www.fitnyc.edu.

FIT is firmly committed to creating an environment that will attract and retain people of diverse racial and cultural backgrounds. By providing a learning and working environment that encourages, utilizes, respects, and appreciates the full expression of every individual's ability, the FIT community fosters its mission and grows because of its rich, pluralistic experience. FIT is committed to prohibiting discrimination, whether based on race, national origin, gender, religion, ethnic background, age, disability, marital status, sexual orientation, or any other criterion

prohibited by applicable federal, state, or local laws. FIT is committed to providing equal opportunity in employment, including the opportunity for upward mobility for all qualified individuals.