



Associate Professor/Chair of Fashion Department Position

Mount Mary University seeks applications for a full-time, nine month, tenure-track position as Associate Professor and Chair of the Fashion Department with the appointment to begin in fall semester, 2017. The Fashion Department is part of the School of Arts and Design. The ideal candidate should have a minimum of a Master's Degree in a fashion-related field, industry experience and six years of teaching experience at the college/university level. Some educational administrative experience is preferred.

The department is particularly interested in candidates who have a passion for teaching, an energetic, team-building leadership style, and a record of building synergistic relationships with industry partners. This appointment is half administrative and half teaching, with an average load of six credits per semester. A commitment to a limited number of summer hours is expected.

Position Responsibilities:

- Teach six credits per semester at the undergraduate level in any of the following three areas: merchandise management; apparel construction/patternmaking; fashion illustration and textiles.
- Engage in a program of research and/or creative scholarship, leading to funded, collaborative projects in fashion department.
- Work collaboratively as a team member to develop curriculum, recruit students, launch new initiatives and represent the department to internal and external audiences.
- Foster industry relationships and develop cooperative projects within the curriculum.
- Represent and report strategic initiatives at the department level to School of Arts and Design level.
- Serve on department and University committees, fulfill department reporting and scheduling requirements, assume Board positions with partnering institutions where required.
- Advise and mentor undergraduate majors and certificate students.
- Nurture and sustain a dynamic network of department alumnae and department donors in collaboration with MMU Development Office.
- Cultivate relationships and actively participate in one or more professional organizations (i.e. ITAA, CSA, Fashion Group International etc.) to position the University as a leader in fashion education.

Skills and Experience

- Outstanding verbal, written, and presentation skills; must be able to communicate and interact with Mount Mary students, employees, donors, partners and alumni.
- Demonstrated commitment to promoting inclusiveness and cultural competence; experience working with underrepresented students and students from at-risk backgrounds.
- Experience with Optitex, Adobe Illustrator/PhotoShop, Visual Retailing/CAD considered a plus.
- Strong working knowledge and understanding of established professional codes of ethics and best practices for higher education, teaching and learning.
- Exceptional ability to manage time effectively and prioritize projects and activities.

Qualifications

- Master's degree in a fashion-related discipline; Masters degree required; MFA or Ph.D. preferred.
- Relevant experience in fashion-related fields.
- Minimum six years of teaching experience at the college or university level with evidence of administrative abilities.
- Evidence of scholarly/creative activities.
- Excellent oral, written and interpersonal communication skills, including the ability to work with diverse groups, facilitate group process and foster collaborative decision-making.

About Mount Mary University:

Mount Mary University is a Catholic institution of higher learning located in Milwaukee, Wisconsin with approximately 1,500 undergraduate and graduate students. The Fashion program is an undergraduate and post-baccalaureate program that accepts women only. Men are able to enter the University as graduate students. The University has recently launched a creative campus initiative to build a culture where teachers and learners use experiential learning as a vehicle to collaborate with the community and explore new paradigms within and across disciplines. A well-developed global studies program provides students with many options to study abroad including a bi-annual fashion program partnering with the Paris American Academy.

About the Department:

The Fashion Department is part of the School of Arts and Design and one of the largest majors at the University. The curriculum integrates professional course work with a liberal arts core. The department offers two majors, one in fashion design and the other in merchandise management; the latter encourages a business administration minor. The fashion design major is known for its blending of sophisticated but marketable design with high technical standards. The University has an extensive Historic Costume Collection used for teaching, exhibition and research; and has multiple computer labs offering Adobe, Optitex, and Visual Retailing software. Learn more about the programs in the department at <http://mtmary.edu/majors-programs/undergraduate/fashion/index.html>

Application Process:

Review of applications will commence immediately upon receipt. Please provide the following along with your application submission: cover letter, curriculum vitae /resume, portfolio (if appropriate), statement of teaching philosophy, and teaching evaluations.

Upon review, select candidates will be asked to submit official transcripts and 3 letters of recommendation and may be asked to complete virtual and in-person interviews. **Review of applications will commence no later than February 6th or until position is filled.**

Submit all required documents to the Human Resources Office at Mount Mary University through email using the address hrads@mtmary.edu. Additional questions may be directed to Human Resources representatives at 414 930-3317