

Department of Fashion and Apparel Studies
Assistant Professor: Fashion Innovation and Management

Department of Fashion and Apparel Studies (<http://www.fashion.udel.edu>) at the University of Delaware invites applications for a continuing track (CT) assistant professor faculty position in the area of fashion innovation and management. Applicants should have an interest in supporting one or more of the following areas: product development and innovation, entrepreneurship, digital business, technical and functional design, and fashion business management. Applicants for this position must have academic or professional background in an apparel-related field and a Ph.D. or equivalent terminal degree at the time of appointment. Industry experience is preferred, but not required, for candidates. The start date for the position is September 1, 2018.

The Department of Fashion and Apparel Studies is recognized for its outstanding undergraduate programs, expanding graduate program with competitive enrollment, and award winning sustainability certificate program. Ranked as one of the top programs on the East Coast (www.fashionschools.org), our faculty are internationally distinguished scholars and educators, recognized for a strong track record in federal and industry grants, industry partnerships, and leadership to the field and profession.

The major responsibility of this CT faculty position will be to provide outstanding instruction within the department and enrich student learning as it relates to creative and innovative solutions in response to the changing consumer and industry. The successful candidate will demonstrate a strong ability to teach courses required in the apparel design and fashion merchandising programs, have strong knowledge of fashion business, be able to leverage technology to support student learning, collaborate with teams of instructors to improve teaching and classroom instruction, and have an active interest in seeking funding or external partnerships that support excellence in learning or practice. The candidate will also be expected to be an active, collegial, and engaged member of the department.

CT faculty members have full-time appointments, and are eligible for promotion in academic rank and sabbaticals; however, they are not eligible for tenure. The CT provides a pathway for experienced professionals, scholars with a specialized industry focus, or graduate students/faculty who are interested in teaching and practice.

Interested applicants should use the Interfolio® online system (<https://apply.interfolio.com/45607>) to submit a current CV or resume; a cover letter outlining interest in, and qualifications for, the position; a statement of teaching philosophy; evidentiary materials related to teaching (e.g., syllabi, teaching evaluations,

awards, and any other evidence of teaching excellence); and three letters of recommendation. Additional materials (e.g., a design portfolio) may be requested later. Email questions, but not application materials, to Professor Huantian Cao (hcao@udel.edu), Search Committee Chair. Review of applications will begin on November 1, 2017 and will continue until the position is filled.

University of Delaware is located in the Greater Philadelphia area between New York and Washington, D.C. Founded in 1743, the University of Delaware (www.udel.edu) is one of the oldest land-grant institutions in the nation, one of 19 sea-grant institutions, and one of only 13 space-grant institutions. The University holds the R1 Carnegie Classification designated for fewer than 3% of degree-granting institutions in the U.S. for research activities with annual external funding exceeding \$200 million. The Department of Fashion and Apparel Studies is part of the College of Arts and Sciences (www.cas.udel.edu), the largest college of UD's seven colleges.

UD recognizes and values the importance of diversity and inclusion in enriching the employment experience of its employees and in supporting the academic mission. The University is committed to attracting and retaining employees with varying identities and backgrounds, and this is a primary goal for our department. We provide equal access to and opportunity in its programs, facilities, and employment without regard to race, color, creed, religion, national origin, gender, age, marital status, disability, public assistance status, veteran status, sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression.