



College of Family and Consumer Sciences

Textiles, Merchandising & Interiors

UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA

Assistant Professor of Merchandising

POSITION: Assistant Professor of Merchandising, Department of Textiles, Merchandising and Interiors in the College of Family and Consumer Sciences (9 months, tenure-track appointment).

START DATE: August 2018

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: Ph.D. in Fashion Merchandising or related field with a strong quantitative research skill and a record of publication in leading academic journals.

PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS: Minimum of one-year practice or industry experience in the apparel and textile industry; one year prior teaching experience at the university level; familiarity with industry-specific software and cutting-edge technological applications.

POSITION DESCRIPTION: TMI department seeks to hire a faculty member in the area of contemporary merchandising with strong focus in omni-channel retailing and digital merchandising. This is a 9-month, tenure track position at the assistant professor level. The successful candidate will 1) teach 4 classes per year; 2) actively work on scholarly research through publications and presentations; 3) effectively serve at the department, college, university, community and profession; and 4) provide supervision to master and/or doctoral students.

Significant amount of engagement, especially with the retail industries and profession, is expected, as such service will feed into both teaching and research. The new faculty should be able to teach undergraduate and graduate classes and direct graduate research. The candidate will be involved in the further development of e-tailing courses for the undergraduate in Fashion Merchandising and graduate program in International Merchandising. The successful applicant is required to teach and develop innovative courses in two or more of the following areas: omni-channel/e-tailing, international merchandising, retail planning and buying.

This faculty hire is expected to actively conduct research and participate in interdisciplinary collaborations with the University of Georgia faculty and industry. Thus, the potential for research scholarship with a strong quantitative skill must be demonstrated through publications and grantsmanship by securing external funding in support of research and/or teaching. This faculty will focus on research in contemporary topics in merchandising and aggressively seek funding from external agencies to support research such as omni-channel and digital merchandising. This individual is also expected to contribute to the growth of professional M.S.



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program in Merchandising and International Trade; and help in increasing the participation of undergraduate students in research and internship in the fashion industry. These requirements are critical to maintain the stature and ranking of our program.

The Department of Textiles, Merchandising and Interiors is a growing unit of the College of Family and Consumer Sciences at the University of Georgia. The department has 13 faculty, over 250 undergraduate students majoring in Fashion Merchandising and Furnishings and Interiors, and 23 graduate students. The department is a member of the National Retail Federation and endorsed by the American Apparel and Footwear Association. The Georgia Soft Goods Education Foundation, a board of industry professionals, provides guidance to the curriculum and scholarships for students. The graduate programs lead to a Master of Science in Textiles, Merchandising and Interiors and a Ph.D. in Polymer, Fibers, and Textile Sciences and Ph.D. emphasis in International Merchandising. UGA is a member of Advanced Functional Fabric of America (AFFOA) Innovation Manufacturing Institute. It is the department's expectation that the new faculty will engage with the Institute to participate in our strategic plans to revitalize the textile and apparel industry and sustain job growth in America. More information about the Department and College can be found at www.fcs.uga.edu/tmi.

The University of Georgia, located in Athens, is a Research, Land-grant/Sea-grant institution in the University System of Georgia. Founded in 1785, the University of Georgia is the largest and most comprehensive educational institution in the state. The campus and community of Athens offers many cultural and recreational opportunities. UGA has approximately 36,000 undergraduate and graduate students and has been ranked by U.S. News and World Report as one of the top 25 public institutions of higher education in the United States. The Athens campus is approximately 75 miles northeast of Atlanta, 60 miles from the Blue Ridge Mountains and 195 miles from the coast. Athens fosters a rich cultural environment interconnected with the university and is perennially identified as one of America's most livable cities. Visit the University's website at <http://www.uga.edu> for additional information.

PROCEDURE: The application packet should include: (1) cover letter of interest that addresses how credentials and experience meet the qualifications of the position, (2) curriculum vitae, (3) statement of research area and goals; teaching plans and teaching philosophy (no more than 6 pages), (4) contact information for at least three references. Candidates should submit their application materials online via FacultyJobs@UGA <http://facultyjobs.uga.edu/postings/1532>. Direct additional questions about the position to Dr. Yoo-Kyoung Seock, Search Committee Chair (yseock@fcs.uga.edu).



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Deadline for applications is November 20, 2017. Review of applications will continue until the position is filled.

The college welcomes applications and nominations of minorities and others who share our passion about and reflect our desire to support a culture of diversity and inclusion. The University of Georgia is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action employer. All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation and gender identity, national origin, disability, or protected veteran status.