

# Assistant Professor in Product Design

**Position:** The Department of Product Design in the School of Architecture and Allied Arts (AGAA) at the University of Oregon invites applications for a tenure-track assistant professor appointment beginning September 16, 2017.

**Qualifications:** A master's or PhD degree in design and a minimum of five years practicing professional design in the sports product industry are preferred. We are interested in candidates with a proven track record of investigation in apparel, footwear, and/or equipment design for athletic performance. Interdisciplinary research in human physiology, biomechanics, and/or psychology is also desirable. Candidates are expected to build a strong record of research and creative practice. The University of Oregon is committed to creating a more inclusive institution and seeks candidates with demonstrated potential to contribute positively to its diverse community. Salary is commensurate with qualifications.

**Description:** Tenure-related faculty members in product design at the University of Oregon are expected to articulate and sustain inquiry into emerging issues in their area of expertise in product design through the pursuit of funded research, scholarly publication, and/or recognized professional practice. The product design department's tenure-related faculty members teach design theory and practice with a focus on their individual, distinct areas of defined research and skills. In addition, they teach five courses or studios per year. This appointment carries the responsibilities of full-time, tenure-track faculty appointments, including student advising, management of student and faculty programs, service on administrative committees, governance, and curricular development. This is a 1.0 FTE, nine-month, full-time faculty position.

The product design department critically investigates the use, invention, and production of products to improve life and meet the rapid changes of the material world through agility and interdisciplinary studies. It is international and local. Students study both the physical and theoretical aspects of product design, including design research, material studies, manufacturing strategies, economic planning, and innovation techniques. Through this position we intend to strengthen our research and teaching in design to enhance the performance of the human body in sport.

**Product Design and Collaborators:** The University of Oregon's strong liberal arts tradition offers a rich and flexible curriculum that allows undergraduate students to select from many course offerings in business, anthropology, human physiology and biomechanics, chemistry, and environmental studies along with the major requirements. The interdisciplinary nature of product design studies and practice is reflected in the courses required for the product design major. The Department of Product Design, located within the School of Architecture and Allied Arts, offers a BA or BS in product design (located in Eugene), a BFA in product design (located in Portland), and an MS in sports product design (located in Portland). This position is based in Portland, Oregon.

**Location:** The University of Oregon Portland Campus is located in the northwest quadrant of the city on Couch Street and Naito Parkway, which lies along the Willamette River Valley. Portland is the largest city in Oregon and covers 145 square miles with an estimated population of 583,776. The city is home to more than 800 companies in the sports industry.

**Applications:** To ensure consideration, please submit application materials by March 15, 2017. The position will remain open until filled.

Applicants should submit the following:

- Letter of interest that includes statements of your research and/or creative practice and your teaching philosophy, objectives, and experience
- Curriculum vitae
- Portfolio of representative research, practice, and student work completed under the candidate's direction
- List of three references with addresses, telephone numbers, and e-mail addresses

For more information, consult our website at [pd.uoregon.edu](http://pd.uoregon.edu).

For assistance or answers to questions, please contact Shaun Haskins, AGAA manager of administrative services, at [haskins@uoregon.edu](mailto:haskins@uoregon.edu) or Susan Sokolowski, director of the Sports Product Design Graduate Program, at [ssokolow@uoregon.edu](mailto:ssokolow@uoregon.edu); telephone: 503-799-6634; fax: 541-346-3626.

Submit application online at [careers.uoregon.edu/cw/en-us/job/519624/assistant-professor-of-product-design](http://careers.uoregon.edu/cw/en-us/job/519624/assistant-professor-of-product-design).

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