



## VIRGINIA COMMONWEALTH UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF THE ARTS IN QATAR

**Position:** Fashion Design Faculty

**Position Number:** F25750

**Position Location:** Doha, Qatar

**Position Begins:** August 13, 2017

**Deadline:** The review of applications will begin on February 6, 2017 and will continue until the position is filled.

Virginia Commonwealth University School of the Arts in Qatar (VCUQatar), offering programs in art and design, is one of six schools from leading American universities and two European institutions, that have established campuses in Education City, Doha, as a result of collaborative agreements between the universities and Qatar Foundation. Each of those universities brings to Qatar educational programs for which those institutions are especially renowned.

Established in 1998, VCUQatar offers students the opportunity to earn a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in fashion design, graphic design, interior design and painting & printmaking, a Bachelor of Arts degree in art history, and a Master of Fine Arts degree in design. Located in Doha, the capital city of Qatar, VCUQatar is fully accredited by the National Association of Schools of Art & Design, the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools and the Council for Interior Design Accreditation. VCUQatar was the first campus established in Education City and has been joined by Weill Cornell Medical College, Texas A&M University, Georgetown University School of Foreign Service, Carnegie-Mellon University, Northwestern University, HEC Paris and University College London.

VCUQatar is committed to recruiting and retaining a diverse student population and workforce as a reflection of our commitment to maintain the excellence of the University, and to offer our students richly varied disciplines, perspectives and interdisciplinary ways of learning.

### **Position Description**

VCUQatar is seeking an experienced fashion/costume designer and/or educator who will be responsible for undergraduate instruction at the sophomore, junior and senior levels. This 9-month term faculty will work in a team-oriented department with full-time practicing, experienced and dedicated educators. The successful candidate's areas of expertise should include fundamental principles of fashion design with particular focus and experience in the following areas: pattern-making and draping skills; clothing construction and fine, industry-level tailoring methods; and thorough knowledge of 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> century fashion and design textile. All faculty contribute to a culture of learning through participation and support for accreditation standards, pursuit of professional creative research, participation in faculty

governance, service, student advising, and perform all other duties as assigned. Opportunities for regional and international collaboration abound.

### **Required Qualifications**

Successful candidates must have an MFA/MA in Fashion Design or a related specialty and/or appropriate industry training and experience that equates to an advanced degree. Candidates must possess demonstrable patternmaking, draping, construction, and tailoring skills as well as possess expert knowledge about 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> century fashion design and textiles. Strong technical, collaborative and communication skills are required. Demonstrated experience working in and fostering a diverse faculty, staff and student environment or commitment to do so as a faculty member at VCUQatar.

### **Preferred Qualifications**

Candidates with an MFA and/or significant (minimum 10 years) industry experience are strongly preferred. Research experience will enhance the possibility of the successful candidate. Experience teaching at an undergraduate level in a University setting is desired. Experience with computer design and pattern-making software such as Gerber, Lectra, Photoshop, and Illustrator is preferred.

Review of qualified applicants will begin February 6, 2017 and will continue until the position is filled.

Application Process: Qualified applicants should submit the application materials listed below to the [VCUQ eRecruit System](#). Only electronic submissions will be accepted.

- Letter of interest
- Curriculum vitae
- Research statement
- Statement on teaching philosophy
- Portfolio of work— appropriate selections of documentation of the applicant's experience in his/her area of expertise within the industry. This could include traditional and/or non-traditional examples of one's work from a broad cross-section and/or combination of experience from a variety of roles within the fashion design field.
- Names of five references including email and telephone contact

For questions, please contact Tomaree Porter, Manager for Human Resources, VCUQatar at [tlporter@vcu.edu](mailto:tlporter@vcu.edu) .

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