



**West Virginia University**  
**School of Design and Community Development**  
**Two Positions – Assistant Professor Apparel Design**  
**Assistant/Associate Professor Apparel Design**

**Description**

The School of Design and Community Development, in West Virginia University's Davis College (<http://davis.wvu.edu/>), Morgantown, WV, is pleased to invite applications for two (2) tenure track Apparel Design positions in the Fashion, Dress, and Merchandising program. The two positions include one at the assistant professor level, and one at the assistant/associate professor level, to commence on August 16, 2017.

**Duties and Responsibilities (for both positions)**

Teach undergraduate and graduate courses in two or more of the following areas: garment construction, fit, and grading; flat pattern; draping; fashion illustration/design; portfolio development; apparel product development; visual merchandising; facility in technology relevant to the fashion industry. The faculty member will be engaged in an active research and/or a creative scholarship program focused on apparel design as well as actively participate in student advising, curriculum development, and university, community, and professional service.

**University and Program**

West Virginia University, designated as a Research University (High Research Activity), is a comprehensive, land-grant institution with an enrollment of over 29,000 students and includes a highly-regarded Medical Center and Law school <http://www.wvu.edu>. The University is situated in the foot hills of the Appalachian Mountains, 75 miles south of Pittsburgh, PA, within easy driving distance of major eastern metropolitan areas including NYC and Washington, DC. Morgantown – *West Virginia's fourth largest city* – recently was rated No. 1 Small City in America, Best Small City in the East, and 3<sup>rd</sup> Best Small Town in the nation. These high ratings resulted from its mix of intellectual, cultural, and social amenities; university services (including medical); year round summer and winter outdoor recreational opportunities; small town warmth; and a public school system that has been rated in the top two percentile in academic performance nationwide. The School of Design and Community Development offers the following degrees: Fashion Merchandising, Fashion Design, Interior Design, Design Studies, Landscape Architecture, and Agricultural and Extension Education. More than 200 undergraduate and graduate students are enrolled in the Fashion Merchandising and Fashion Design majors. Additional information is available at <http://www.design.wvu.edu>.

**Application:**

Candidates must meet standard eligibility requirements to work in the United States and have demonstrated effective verbal and written communication skills in English. Applicants may apply for the position at <http://jobs.wvu.edu> and navigate to one of the position titles listed above.

**Upload the following documents for applicants for the Assistant Professor position:**

- 1) Letter of application that discusses qualifications for the position;
- 2) Philosophy statement that addresses interests in teaching, research, and creative activities, including future goals;
- 3) Curriculum vitae, including a list of courses taught with dates;
- 4) Portfolio that includes examples of apparel design work;
- 5) Contact information for three professional references.

**Additional requirement for applicants for the Associate Professor position:**

- 6) Teaching portfolio to include design studio project statements and resulting student design work, other portfolio materials evidencing mentorship of student activities (such as fashion shows, trade show displays, travel experiences, and other engagement with student learning)

Direct inquires to Judith Wasserman at [judith.wasserman@mail.wvu.edu](mailto:judith.wasserman@mail.wvu.edu).

**Qualifications**

**Required:** Candidates for each position must have a professional terminal degree or doctorate in apparel design or closely related field; demonstrated research and/or creative scholarship; portfolio of apparel design work; expertise in state-of-the-art technology relevant to the apparel design industry.

**Required for Associate Professor Appointment:** Consideration for appointment at the Associate Professor rank requires the candidate to have a well-established creative and/or scholarly research and teaching record evidenced by all or some of the following: Peer-reviewed exhibitions and/or publications; design awards and professional recognition, evidence of teaching excellence.

**Preferred:** Professional and/or academic membership involvement; professional fashion industry expertise.

All qualifications must be met by the time of appointment.

*Review of applications will begin December 1, 2016 and continue until the position is filled. West Virginia University is strongly committed to diversity. WVU is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer. Women, minorities, veterans, and individuals with disabilities are encouraged to apply.*

*Meeting the needs of today's professional couples is a critical factor in WVU's success in recruiting and retaining new faculty and senior staff. Our Dual Career Program assists couples in your employment search. WVU belongs to the OH/Western PA/WV Higher Education Recruitment Consortium (HERC). Please visit [dualcareer.wvu.edu](http://dualcareer.wvu.edu) and [ohwpaowherc.org](http://ohwpaowherc.org) for more information and job postings.*