

Applied Design

Position Announcement

Apparel Design and Merchandising

Department of Applied Design, Appalachian State University

POSITION Tenure-track, nine-month Assistant Professor position in the Department of Applied Design beginning August 2019.

SALARY Compensation commensurate with experience and qualifications.

QUALIFICATIONS Earned terminal degree from an accredited institution in apparel design, merchandising or a related field preferred. ABD considered with degree completion for all doctoral requirements by August 2020; if candidate is ABD, rank will be instructor until doctoral requirements are complete.

- Knowledge and experience with apparel design and product development (from initial concept to consumer acquisition), computer aided design (illustration applications, 2D and 3D patterning), Adobe Creative Suite.
- Knowledge and experience in design, merchandising and marketing of apparel and textile products.
- Evidence of or potential for effective curriculum development and commitment to teaching of upper and lower level studios and classes in a college/university environment.
- Industry experience.
- Evidence of or potential for productive research/creative scholarship.
- Evidence of or potential for program, department, university and professional service.

RESPONSIBILITY Primary responsibilities will include developing and teaching courses in upper and lower level studios, CAD classes, materials and processes courses, as well as, other support courses in the apparel design and merchandising program area. Additional responsibilities will include advising students, recruiting, maintaining labs/materials, program development, providing instruction that fosters student's success in their chosen area of study, as well as, participating actively in departmental governance and performing academic service to the university and college. Maintaining a high level of related scholarly/creative work is required.

THE DEPARTMENT The Department of Applied Design, offers three NASAD accredited undergraduate majors with 14 fulltime faculty and 500 students: Apparel Design and Merchandising, Industrial Design with concentrations in Furniture and Product Design, and Interior Design. The department includes design studios, 12,000 square feet of prototyping studios, computer labs and designated classrooms.

The Apparel Design and Merchandising program focuses on design, merchandising and marketing of apparel and textile products providing students with a comprehensive understanding of the global apparel and textile complex. Students acquire the skills necessary for the process of apparel product development from concept to consumer including design, production, distribution, marketing and merchandising. Students experience challenging classroom and studio experiences, engage with industry professionals and collaborative opportunities, participate in field trips and study trips to New York and Europe. Students are required to complete an internship and have obtained industry positions in all aspects of the apparel and textile complex.

THE UNIVERSITY Appalachian State University is a comprehensive state university with an enrollment of over 18,000 students. Appalachian is consistently recognized in *U.S. News and World Report*, *Forbes*, *Kiplinger*, and *Sierra* as one of the outstanding universities in the southeastern United States. The university stresses excellence in teaching and prides itself on an outstanding working relationship between student and professor. The university has a wide variety of cultural and outdoor programs for the enjoyment of faculty, staff, and students.

THE COMMUNITY Boone, North Carolina is located in the Blue Ridge Mountains, just minutes from the Blue Ridge Parkway. Known for mountain views and beautiful scenery, the area is a common vacation and summer home destination. The 3,333-foot elevation makes for cool summers, spectacular fall scenery, and excellent outdoor recreational opportunities.

APPLICATION The initial application review will begin on November 20, 2018 and will continue until the position is filled. Complete applications will include a letter of application addressing duties and qualifications; philosophy of teaching; current vitae; transcripts; and complete contact information of three professional references. A portfolio of professional design work and scholarly/creative endeavors is required, and a portfolio of student work from classes taught is highly recommended.

Electronic applications (single/combined PDF attachments only and under 9MB) will be accepted. Please indicate, "Apparel Design and Merchandising Position" in letter of application or subject line.

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Disability Accommodation Information: Individuals with disabilities seeking reasonable accommodations during the application and interview process should contact the search committee chair.

Diversity and Inclusion at Appalachian: Appalachian State University is committed to developing and allocating resources to the fundamental task of creating a diverse campus culture. We value diversity as the expression of human similarities and differences, as well as the importance of a living and learning environment conducive to knowledge, respect, acceptance, understanding and global awareness. Learn more at <http://diversity.appstate.edu>.

Background Check Statement: Any offer of employment to a successful candidate will be conditioned upon the University's receipt of a satisfactory criminal background report.

Eligibility for Employment: Proper documentation of identity and eligibility for employment will be required before the hiring process can be completed.