



## **FACULTY POSITION IN FASHION MERCHANDISING AND DESIGN**

**Department of Human Environmental Studies**

**College of Education and Human Services**

**Central Michigan University**

**Position Description:** Full-time, 9-month tenure track Assistant Professor position in Fashion Merchandising and Design beginning August 19, 2019 or other negotiated start date. Teach undergraduate and graduate courses in fashion design including but not limited to: pattern making, digital pattern design, illustration, product development, 3D prototyping and virtual fit. Establish a strong program of research/scholarship in apparel design and product development. Demonstrate continuous efforts of scholarly contributions that may include peer-reviewed publications, juried exhibitions, and extramural funding.

### **Qualifications:**

#### **Required Assistant Professor Rank:**

- Doctorate required, or ABD with degree awarded within one year of hire with at least one advanced degree in fashion design or related area;
- Portfolio demonstrating fashion design proficiency, product development and 3D technology proficiency;
- Evidence of teaching effectiveness;
- Evidence of potential for successful grant writing, research and scholarly activities; and
- Evidence of excellent oral and written communication skills

#### **Preferred:**

- Additional teaching areas (i.e. technical design and apparel quality analysis)
- Experience teaching online; and
- Existing ties to industry

**About CMU:** Founded 125 years ago, Central Michigan University is a major, national university with 26,000 students, more than 30 remote locations in the U.S. and Canada, and 225,000 alumni worldwide.

CMU offers more than 200 academic programs at the undergraduate, master's, specialist and doctoral levels. Academic excellence is found in programs considered among the best in the nation, such as engineering, information systems, neuroscience, physician assistant, physical therapy, sales, logistics, fashion merchandising and design, advertising, marketing, public relations, and broadcasting. Central has been a pioneer in extended learning for nearly 50 years, and its online programs for undergraduates and the military, as well as its online MBA and online graduate education for teachers and school leaders, are nationally ranked.

Central Michigan University expands its academics with immersive, hands-on opportunities such as research, volunteering, study abroad, internships and leadership experiences.

The fourth-largest university in Michigan began with the mission of addressing a demand for teachers prepared and qualified to lead classrooms and educate future generations. That commitment to fulfilling unmet needs continues today through many newer programs, including our College of Medicine, which in May 2017 graduated its first class of doctors dedicated to serving medically underserved communities.

Employees have access to fitness facilities and a nationally recognized wellness program as well as health care

and benefits that exceed regional, state and national norms.

With student-athletes who are expected to perform equally well in the classroom and on the field, CMU is a member of the NCAA Division I Mid-American Conference. CMU Athletics regularly earns accolades for student excellence in the classroom (almost 30 percent of our students were honored in spring 2017 for GPAs of 3.5 or higher) and on the field, with frequent men's and women's championship seasons in sports such as football, basketball, gymnastics, field hockey, soccer, baseball and softball, and wrestling.

Central is located in a quaint, tight-knit community in the heart of central lower Michigan. Our community offers a robust mix of outdoor opportunities, family attractions, and restaurants and brew pubs. Mount Pleasant's small-town life is complemented by cultural activities on campus, including concerts, plays and guest speakers. Mount Pleasant is an hour or two from most Michigan destination spots, including Detroit, Grand Rapids, Lansing and Ann Arbor, as well as the state's sunset beaches, golf and ski resorts, and our famous "Up North" communities, state parks and lakes.

**About the Department:** The Department of Human Environmental Studies offers a bachelor's degree in Fashion Merchandising and Design (FMD) with two concentrations in Design and Merchandising for face-to-face program. The online program also has two concentrations: Fashion Product Development and Visual Merchandising. The program serves approximately 300 majors and minors with well-equipped classrooms, laboratories and a nationally recognized computer-aided design component. Cutting edge facilities and equipment are available through CMDT (Center for Merchandising and Design Technology) as well as departmental labs for teaching and research purposes. Examples include a body scanner, digital textile printer, Gerber and Modaris pattern-making systems, sweating guarded hot plate, thermal manikins, Instron, spectrophotometer, thermal cameras, eye tracking system, 3-D printer, biofeedback system, and two walk-in environmental chambers. Strong internship placements and opportunities for study abroad provide a competitive edge in the job market demonstrated by over 90% placement rate of our graduates for almost two decades. Our graduate program offers a M.S. degree in Apparel Product Development and Merchandising Technology.

Please visit our website at <https://www.cmich.edu/colleges/ehs/dept/hev/Pages/default.aspx> for more information about our curriculum, student and faculty accomplishments, and about Central Michigan University.

**Application Procedures:** Screening for all applications will begin on December 1, 2018 and will continue until filled. To apply, go to [www.jobs.cmich.edu](http://www.jobs.cmich.edu) and search for position number 80772. The application packet should include: (1) a cover letter, (2) research/creative statement and electronic portfolio, (3) teaching statement, (4) current vita, (5) diversity statement, and (6) contact information of at least three professional references.

Questions on this position may be directed to Thamizhisai Periyaswamy, Search Committee Chair, email: [periy1t@cmich.edu](mailto:periy1t@cmich.edu)

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