

**Chair of the Department of Fiber Science & Apparel Design  
College of Human Ecology  
Cornell University**

Nominations and applications are invited for the position of Chair of the Department of Fiber Science & Apparel Design in the College of Human Ecology at Cornell University.

**Position Summary**

Cornell University's Department of Fiber Science & Apparel Design (FSAD) in the College of Human Ecology (CHE) invites applications for a dynamic, visionary leader to serve as Chair. The Department consists of a multidisciplinary faculty spanning fashion design, anthropology, anthropometrics, chemistry, materials engineering, textile science, and business. The Department offers a wide range of programs at all degree levels, and the Chair position presents an opportunity for a scholar to play a key role in developing a cohesive program spanning design, human factors and materials science. FSAD currently offers undergraduate degrees in Fashion Design and Management and in Fiber Science, M.A. and Ph.D. in Apparel Design and M.S. and Ph.D. in Fiber Science. An M.A. in Fashion Studies has been approved, but has not yet been launched. The Department has strong ties with schools and departments across Cornell, and faculty collaborate with other fields including Art History, Architecture Art and Planning, Industrial and Labor Relations (ILR), Materials Science and Engineering, Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering, Biomedical Engineering, Human Development, Computer Science and other disciplines. The Department faculty are also members of multidisciplinary centers and institutes across campus including the Cornell Center for Materials Research (CCMR) and the Atkinson Center for a Sustainable Future. The department is uniquely situated in a land grant and Ivy League university and attracts outstanding students capable of excellence in both STEM and design areas.

The next Chairperson will be an internationally known scholar with the ability to be strategic and visionary about FSAD's future opportunities for an innovative cross disciplinary program. The ideal candidate will demonstrate the ability to lead in a climate of collaboration, transparency, and shared governance. The candidate will need a scholarly record commensurate with tenure at the full professor level and the ability to balance administration, research, teaching, and public engagement. The primary responsibilities of the Chair include providing leadership and oversight of the department's academic programs and budgets, and working closely with the department's administrative manager to ensure a workplace that is supportive of faculty, staff, and students. The Chair also plays a key role in campus-wide initiatives related to arts, design, business, and sciences. The Department Chair reports to the Dean of the College of Human Ecology.

**Qualifications**

An earned doctorate in any relevant field with an established record of scholarship and research is required. Prior administrative experience is highly desirable. Strong evidence of collaboration in research and/or teaching in multidisciplinary environments is preferred. The successful candidate will provide evidence of vision and forward-looking leadership.

**Application Process**

To apply, please submit a curriculum vitae, letter of interest, and names of three references

through Academic Jobs Online; <https://academicjobsonline.org/ajo/jobs/12268>. Please contact the Search Committee Chair, Karl Pillemer ([kap6@cornell.edu](mailto:kap6@cornell.edu)), with any questions. Cover letters can be addressed to: Karl Pillemer but should be uploaded with other required documents into Academic Jobs Online.

We will begin reviewing applications immediately and will continue to accept applications until the position is filled.

Cornell University is an innovative Ivy League university and a great place to work. Our inclusive community of scholars, students and staff impart an uncommon sense of larger purpose and contribute creative ideas to further the university's mission of teaching, discovery and engagement. With our main campus located in Ithaca, NY Cornell's far-flung global presence includes the medical college's campuses in Manhattan and Doha, Qatar, as well as the new Cornell Tech campus located on Roosevelt Island in the heart of New York City.

*Diversity and Inclusion are a part of Cornell University's heritage. We are a recognized employer and educator valuing AA/EEO, Protected Veterans, and Individuals with Disabilities.*

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