

Position: Department Head – Department of Design

Company: Drexel University – Westphal College of Media Arts & Design

Job Overview:

The Department of Design at the Westphal College of Media Arts & Design, Drexel University, seeks highly qualified candidates for the position of Department Head, effective September 2018. The Westphal College is ranked the 5th Best Design and Applied Art School in the USA by College Factual. Fashion was ranked 3rd in the USA and 11th in the world by the Business of Fashion in 2016; Design & Merchandising is rated 3rd in the USA by Fashionista.com; Product Design is ranked 14th in the nation by College Values; and Westphal's Graphic Design program was recognized by Graphic Design USA with Highest Honors. Westphal's Undergraduate and Graduate Digital Media programs are ranked Top 10 in the USA by The Princeton Review and graduate Interior Architecture has been ranked in the top ten in the USA by DesignIntelligence.

Comprised of award-winning and nationally ranked undergraduate and graduate programs in Fashion Design, Graphic Design, Design & Merchandising, Photography, and Product Design, and an MS in Fashion and an online MS in Retail & Merchandising, the Department of Design also houses the Fox Historic Costume Collection. The Fox Collection contains over 13,000 articles of dress, textiles and fashion ephemera. The Department is located in the award-winning URBN Center, originally designed by Robert Venturi and transformed into a state of the art center for design and art by MSR, LTD., in 2013.

Qualifications:

The Department of Design seeks a forward-thinking leader who can balance the administrative rigors of Department Head with the demands of moving faculty and students into the future of design. Hailing from academia, industry, or a combination of both, the successful candidate will possess the ability to build upon the national and international recognition realized by the Department to promote excellence in education, research, and collaborative partnerships with external academic, private, or governmental organizations. A minimum of seven years of management experience is required, with a demonstrable record of success as an entrepreneurial and innovative leader of creative enterprise, either at an existing academic institution, or within a respected industry organization. A terminal degree is preferred and the chosen candidate must possess strong interpersonal and communication skills, an ability to multi-task, and an extensive understanding of design process and design education.

Essential Functions:

The Department Head will supervise the strategic, financial and academic management of the Department of Design; represent the Department within the university and the design communities at large; provide counsel and leadership to program directors and faculty; oversee hiring, performance and tenure reviews; teach; and engage in fundraising activities for new initiatives. He or she will also foster collaborative, multidisciplinary projects and research across the college and university, and develop industry partners. He or She will also initiate ongoing

processes for improvement of academic offerings and contribute to successful reaccreditation efforts, as all of the Department's programs are accredited by the National Association of Schools of Art and Design. The successful candidate will support the College's recruitment and marketing efforts, and help to create greater awareness of the excellence in the College.

Supplemental Information:

The Department of Design is one of seven departments in the Antoinette Westphal College of Media Arts & Design. Westphal College is a NASAD accredited institution that offers seventeen award-winning undergraduate and seven graduate degree programs. Our innovative approach to teaching challenging creative fields emphasizes learning in small studio settings under the tutelage of over one hundred and thirty full-time faculty who are noted artists, scholars, researchers and industry professionals. The Westphal College has more than two thousand students and is one of the largest of Drexel's fourteen schools and colleges. Drexel is located in the heart of Philadelphia, a vibrant city with a rich cultural history and is the only UNESCO World Heritage city in the nation.

Drexel University is a comprehensive research university ranked among the top 100 in the nation. With approximately 25,000 students, Drexel is one of America's 15 largest private universities and is passionately committed to interdisciplinary research, experiential learning, and meaningful community engagement.

Application Process:

The position commences September 1, 2018. Review of applications begins immediately and continues until the position is filled. All applications must be submitted through DrexelJobs.com. Applications must include a cover letter, a CV or resume, three references, and the completed online application form.

Drexel University is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action employer, welcomes individuals from diverse backgrounds and perspectives, and believes that an inclusive and respectful environment enriches the University community and the educational and employment experience of its members. The University prohibits discrimination against individuals on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, sexual orientation, disability, age, status as a veteran or special disabled veteran, gender identity or expression, genetic information, pregnancy, childbirth or related medical conditions and any other prohibited characteristic. Please visit our website to view all University Policies and Workplace Postings.

Background investigations are required for all new hires as a condition of employment, after the job offer is made. Employment will be contingent upon the University's acceptance of the results of the background investigation.

To apply for this position, please apply online at:

www.drexeljobs.com/applicants/Central?quickFind=82834 or visit www.drexeljobs.com and search for Department Head - Department of Design. The requisition number is 8597.