

Tenure Track Professor Position in Material Practices (CD-T-111)

Located in downtown Toronto, Ryerson University is a distinctly urban, culturally diverse teaching and research institution offering more than 100 undergraduate and graduate programs, distinguished by a strong commitment to excellence in teaching, research and creative activities, to over 45,000 students. Ryerson is known for its culture of entrepreneurship and innovation and is recognized as a city builder, as it continues its growth through award-winning architecture and expansion of its campus.

The Opportunity:

The School of Fashion in the Faculty of Communication and Design at Ryerson University (www.ryerson.ca) is pleased to invite applications for a full-time tenure-track position at the level of Assistant or Associate Professor in the areas of material practices and textile design. The appointment shall be effective July 1, 2019, subject to final budgetary approval.

The School of Fashion (<https://ryersonfashion.ca/>) has a long tradition of nurturing students along their journey to become design and communication leaders in the fashion and creative industries. We offer undergraduate (BDes in Fashion Design and BDes Fashion Communication) and graduate (MA Fashion) programs with a unique focus on diversity, inclusion and sustainability in fashion.

The School is a member of IFFTI (International Foundation of Fashion Technology Institutes), an organization focused on advancing education and research in fashion design, technology, and business and related industries. Our international academic partners include the University of Arts London, Kingston University, University of Westminster, Amsterdam Fashion Academy, Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology, Fu Jen Catholic University, Nottingham Trent University, and Hong Kong Polytechnic University.

Responsibilities:

The successful candidate will engage in a combination of teaching, research and service duties. The candidate will contribute to our undergraduate (BDes) and graduate (MA) programs through teaching large-lecture, seminar and studio courses as well as mentoring and supervising students to support emerging scholars and practitioners in diverse fields.

The candidate will teach in the areas of material practices and textile design, design methods, process and thinking, as well as fashion studies. Utilizing this expertise, the successful candidate will take a leadership role in curriculum development within the School and across FCAD in these areas.

The successful candidate will be expected to establish and maintain an independent scholarly, research and creative (SRC) agenda supported by external funding and will be encouraged to initiate collaborative research opportunities within the university, and among national and international academic institutions and organizations.

Qualifications:

Candidates must either hold an MFA or MDes, with significant experience in material practices and textile design, or, alternatively, an earned Ph.D. in Design or a closely related field by the appointment date. PhD candidates who are all-but-dissertation (ABD) and very close to completion will also be considered.

The successful candidate must possess expertise in both theory and practice in materials and textiles along with innovative design methods and processes. The candidate must also demonstrate material and textile design competencies through technology and craft. Possible areas of expertise could include design and creative process, 3D printing, Indigenous textile and material practices, wearable technology, textile techniques (embroidery, knit, weave), and/or digital textile printing.

Research: In addition, the successful candidate must present an established, or if a junior scholar, an emerging, record of scholarly research and/or creative projects. This work should be mobilized through peer-reviewed and juried venues, and recognized through grants, awards, strong endorsements by established scholars and creative practitioners and other noteworthy activities that contribute to the visibility of the discipline.

Teaching: Depending on experience and opportunity, candidates must show achievement of or potential for highly effective teaching at the undergraduate and graduate levels, through teaching/training/mentoring experience, a teaching philosophy and demonstrated commitment to Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI).

Equity at Ryerson

At the intersection of mind and action, Ryerson is on a transformative path to become Canada's leading comprehensive innovation university. Integral to this path is the placement of equity, diversity and inclusion as fundamental to our institutional culture. Our current [academic plan](#) outlines each as core values and we work to embed them in all that we do.

Ryerson University welcomes those who have demonstrated a commitment to upholding the values of equity, diversity, and inclusion and will assist us to expand our capacity for diversity in the broadest sense. In addition, to correct the conditions of disadvantage in employment in Canada, we encourage applications from members of groups that have been historically disadvantaged and marginalized, including First Nations, Metis and Inuit peoples, Indigenous peoples of North America, racialized persons, persons with disabilities, and those who identify as women and/or 2SLGBTQ+. Please note that all qualified candidates are encouraged to apply; however, applications from Canadians and permanent residents will be given priority.

As an employer, we are working towards a people first culture and are proud to have been selected as one of Canada's Best Diversity Employers and a Greater Toronto's Top Employer for 2015, 2016 and 2017. To learn more about our work environment, colleagues, leaders, students and innovative educational environment, visit www.ryerson.ca, check out [@RyersonU](#), [@RyersonHR](#) and [@RyersonEDI](#) on Twitter, and visit our [LinkedIn company page](#).

How to Apply:

Applicants must submit their application online via the [Faculty Recruitment Portal](#) (click on "Start Application Process" to begin) by December 12, 2018.

The application must contain the following components as separate PDF documents:

- Letter of application stating your interest in, and suitability for, the position
- Curriculum vitae
- Research statement of practices and outcomes as outlined above
- Teaching statement and materials as outlined above
- examples of recent scholarly, research, and creative production including, but not limited to, publications, juried exhibitions, academic conference presentations
- Portfolio of 10-15 selected items of creative work as they relate to the opportunity, requirements, and qualifications outlined in the position
- Contact information for three references (name, title, phone number and email address) who can attest to the record of research, teaching and professional skills you have presented in your application.
- 250-300 word statement of the key components of your teaching and mentoring philosophy.
- 250-300 word statement describing any mentoring, training, and teaching activities you have participated in outside the classroom – i.e., in industry, at conferences, through community events, through your research practice, in graduate school.
- In a 500-750 word research statement candidates must be able to show, and discuss, how the research practice and outcomes shown in their CV demonstrate thoughtful, intentional incorporation of equity, diversity and inclusion in both their theoretical framework and their practice.

In order for the University to comply with the Government of Canada's reporting requirements, candidates must indicate in their application if they are a Canadian citizen or permanent resident by including one of the following statements in reference to their status: *"I am a permanent resident or citizen of Canada"* OR *"I am not a permanent resident or citizen of Canada"*. Candidates are not required to specify their country of origin or citizenship in their application.

Inquiries may be directed to the DHC Chair, Professor Osmud Rahman at orahman@ryerson.ca.

Any inquiries regarding accessing the Faculty Recruitment Portal can be sent to Sumentha D'Souza, HR Advisor, at sumantha@ryerson.ca. Aboriginal candidates who would like to learn more about working at Ryerson University are welcome to contact Tracey King, M.Ed., Aboriginal HR Consultant, Aboriginal Recruitment and Retention Initiative, at t26king@ryerson.ca.

This position falls under the jurisdiction of the Ryerson Faculty Association (RFA) and relevant information can be found as follows:

RFA Website: www.rfanet.ca.

RFA Collective Agreement:

https://www.ryerson.ca/content/dam/faculty-affairs/rfa-collective-agreement/RFA_CA_2015_to_2018.pdf

RFA Benefits: <https://www.ryerson.ca/hr/employee-resources/rfa/full-time-LTF/benefits/>

