

Job Description

The Fashion Design programs in the Antoinette Westphal College of Media Arts & Design at Drexel University seek qualified applicants for a mid-career full-time tenure track, tenured, or contract associate or full teaching professor, beginning September 2020. Rank will be determined based on prior academic and industry experience.

We are seeking forward-thinking candidates with a national reputation of creative innovation and recognized fashion leadership. The qualified candidate will have active industry connections and a proven track record of successes either in creative work or research. We hope to identify a passionate and committed team player who will take an interest in contributing to the continuing evolution of our curricula and initiatives in order to best serve our students and the field in this highly dynamic industry.

The ideal candidate will know how to use design skills to solve mission-critical problems and understand the role of craft in sustainable design. A plus includes skills in emerging design technologies, circular economies, knit technologies and materials research.

Qualified Candidates should have

- A terminal degree or equivalent experience in fashion design, integrated design, textile design, or sustainable design.
- Teaching experience at university level and well-developed creative work or research
- At least 5-7 years of experience in research and development in the apparel/soft goods industry
- Active interest in circular/responsible design and materials combined with a strong knowledge of the global fashion industry
- Strong team player and interest in collaboration across the college, university and industry
- Strong connections for university-industry partnerships
- Knowledge of apparel software

Essential Functions include

- Teaching classes in undergraduate and graduate fashion design
- Student advising and mentorship
- Curriculum development
- Enrollment management and recruitment

Drexel's Fashion Programs are ranked in the top four nationally and fourteenth worldwide. Our 140 graduate and undergraduate Fashion Design students are new breed creatives. Skilled in research and innovation, they are empowered with digital and physical tools to bring new designs to life. They also create collaboratively with others in our R1 university to tackle the complexities of tomorrow's workplaces.

Fashion Design majors are housed in the [URBN Center](#), Westphal's state-of-the-art facility, with well-equipped, spacious studios available to students 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Students have access to an extensive array of high-tech equipment for their design work, including 3-D printers, laser cutters, Shima Seiki knitting machines, and advanced computer simulation, as well as cutting-edge analytic platforms, enterprise resource planning/production lifecycle management software, and trend resources.

The URBN Center is also home to the [Richard & Penny Fox Historic Costume Collection](#), an outstanding museum-quality collection of over 17,000 fashion items and accessories from Renaissance textiles to French couture, with extensive holdings of the greatest designers of the last hundred years. The facility boasts a custom-built gallery, which presents two exhibitions annually, and a study room to accommodate students and researchers interested in exploring the extensive costume collection.

The Westphal College has more than twenty-three hundred 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 that nurtures the arts and design. The Westphal College offers seventeen award-winning and accredited undergraduate and eight graduate degree programs. The Westphal College's innovative approach to teaching challenging creative fields emphasizes learning in small studio settings under the tutelage of nearly one hundred and thirty full-time faculty who are noted artists, scholars and industry professionals. The college embraces interdisciplinary research, and provides the use of cutting-edge technologies and Study Abroad opportunities. All undergraduate Fashion Design students participate in Drexel's co-op program which has students working for six months full-time in their junior year in fashion concerns across the country and internationally.

Fashion Design is housed in the Department of Design which also includes programs in Product Design, Design & Merchandising, Graphic Design, and Photography. The Westphal College is ranked among the Best Design and Applied Art School in the U.S. by College Factual; our program in Gaming is ranked highly in the U.S. by The Princeton Review; Fashion Design is highly rated by the publication Business of Fashion; 3rd in the U.S. in Design & Merchandising by Fashionista.com; and our graduate program in Interior Architecture and undergraduate program in Interior Design are highly rated by Design Intelligence; and Westphal's Graphic Design program was recognized by Graphic Design USA with Highest Honors.

Drexel University is a comprehensive research university ranked among the top 100 in the nation. With approximately 23,000 students, Drexel is one of America's 15 largest private universities and is passionately committed to interdisciplinary research, experiential learning, and meaningful community engagement.

Drexel University offers an attractive benefits package including tuition remission, a generous retirement package with matching funds and an opportunity to join a talented team of professionals directly helping the University achieve record growth and quality reputation.

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 may not begin until the University accepts the results of the background investigation.

To apply for this position, please apply online at <https://careers.drexel.edu/en-us/listing/> and search for Assistant/Assoc Professor in Fashion Design. Please include the following materials when applying

- Research/Teaching interests (no more than two pages)
- CV
- PDF with 20 images of research/creative work
- PDF with 20 images of recent students' work

Start Date: September 2020

Salary: Commensurate with experience.

Benefits: Comprehensive university benefits- health care and retirement plans, tuition remission.

Location

University City

Special Instructions to the Applicant

Please make sure you upload your CV/resume and cover letter when submitting your application.

Review of applicants will begin on **January 20, 2020** and will continue until a suitable candidate pool is identified.