

**Assistant Professor of Practice
Fashion Merchandising and Design
Department of Apparel, Housing, and Resource Management
College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences
Virginia Tech**

The Department of Apparel, Housing, and Resource Management is seeking applications for the position of Assistant Professor of Practice of Fashion Merchandising and Design (FMD) with expertise in fashion design and technology. The Assistant Professor of Practice is a 9-month, non-tenure-track, multiyear faculty appointment. The Fashion Merchandising and Design major emphasizes an integration of design, product development, and merchandising of apparel products. Graduates work as creative designers, technical designers, or product developers using their creative skills to conceptualize couture and ready-to-wear lines presented around the globe. They also work as retail buyers, store managers, website developers, internet merchants, or visual merchandisers for national and international companies.

The successful candidate will be required to provide transcripts of the highest level of academic achievement and a portfolio of work. The starting date is August 10, 2020. Review of applications will begin March 18, 2020 and continue until a suitable candidate is appointed. Candidates from diverse backgrounds are encouraged to apply. The successful candidate will be required to have a criminal background check. Salary is commensurate with qualifications.

Responsibilities include:

- Teach undergraduate courses in apparel production/construction, technical design, fit, flat pattern and grading, functional design, product development, fashion industry.
- Expected teaching load is 3/3 courses per academic year.
- Maintain functionality of design and technology studio assets.
- Supervise student internships with fashion retail, merchandising, design, and textile companies.
- Advise undergraduate students majoring in Fashion Merchandising and Design
- Participate in curriculum development.
- Direct and participate in recruitment activities to enhance enrollments in the Fashion Merchandising and Design major.
- Engage in outreach and advancement activities with fashion merchandising and design industry and alumni, such as securing speakers, arranging study tours, and establishing an advisory board for the program.
- Provide service to the university and profession
- Participate in occasional travel to attend professional meetings

Required qualifications:

- Master's degree
- Master's or bachelor's degree must be in fashion design, or related field.
- Significant work experience in the apparel design and manufacturing industry.
- Proficiency in flat patternmaking, draping, and garment construction.
- Proficiency in Photoshop, Illustrator, and Lectra or other design technologies.
- Ability and willingness to collaborate effectively with various campus units and external industry groups.
- Appreciation of diverse cultures and audiences.

Preferred Qualifications:

- Teaching experience in a collegiate program in fashion design or experience in providing training in fashion industry settings
- Experience managing supplies/materials and other studio resources.
- Knowledge of undergraduate policies in higher education.

To apply, go to <http://www.jobs.vt.edu> and complete the on-line application. You will be asked to supply brief demographic information and to upload a cover letter (describing qualifications and relevant experience), your vita/resume, and provide contact information for three (3) references. If you have specific questions about the position, please contact Dr. Julia Beamish, Chair, Search Committee at jbeamish@vt.edu . If you are an individual with a disability and desire accommodation, please contact Dianna Givens at diannam@vt.edu .

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