

Open Rank Professor—Assistant, Associate, Full Professor

Product Design

COLLEGE OF DESIGN UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

Position

Open rank professor (tenure/tenure-track) in Product Design. Nine-month, 100 percent time, academic year appointment. Anticipated start date is August 28, 2017. Salary will be competitive and commensurate with experience and qualifications.

About the Position

We seek a highly qualified individual who can contribute to field shaping research, teaching, and outreach in product design. This new interdisciplinary major is the fastest growing program in the College of Design. Located in a major metropolitan area, the Twin Cities has the largest number of Fortune 500 companies per capita, a vibrant design community, and a strong spirit of entrepreneurship. There are numerous opportunities to develop connections across the University and with businesses and communities statewide. Share your experience and vision in a community of practice and with colleagues who are actively engaged in shaping the future. We are committed to attracting candidates from historically underrepresented groups knowing that diversity enriches the academic experience and provides a knowledge base for innovation.

Responsibilities

- Pursue the mission of this urban land grant university through research, teaching, and outreach
- Develop and teach undergraduate and graduate courses, including studio and lecture courses, in the interdisciplinary product design program
- Create and grow a nationally competitive scholarship program in product design
- Disseminate scholarship and teaching activities in peer-reviewed venues
- Pursue external funding to support scholarship
- Advise graduate students and mentor undergraduate students
- Contribute to curriculum development in the Product Design program
- Commit to supporting interdisciplinary initiatives in teaching and scholarship with related fields in the College of Design and across the University
- Work in partnership with faculty across the University to foster innovation, cultivate strategic business collaborations, advance Minnesota's economy, and enhance the University's ability to produce breakthrough research that addresses society's greatest challenges
- Participate in faculty governance at the program, department, college, and university levels

Required Qualifications

- A terminal graduate degree by the start date with at least one degree in industrial design, product design, engineering, business, or a related field
- Evidence of a clear vision for an active research or creative scholarship program and a strategy to procure nationally competitive grants to support the scholarship
- Evidence of effective teaching
- Evidence of strong collaborative and interpersonal skills
- A strategy for developing connections with business, related professions, and communities beyond the University

- Demonstrated leadership skills
- Evidence of attention to cultural diversity in teaching and/or professional practice and the proven ability to support the University's commitment to equity and diversity
- Evidence of a global perspective
- In addition to these essential qualifications, the rank of **Associate Professor** requires demonstrated distinction in research and/or creative activity, and teaching.
- In addition to these essential qualifications, the rank of **Professor** requires a distinguished record of academic achievement in research and/or creative activity, and teaching with a national or international reputation.
- Faculty rank is contingent on the qualifications and experience of the candidate. For tenure upon hire, Associate Professor or Professor candidates must possess a record of academic achievement in teaching, scholarly productivity, and service that satisfies the University's criteria for holding an appointment with indefinite tenure.

Preferred Qualifications

In addition to the essential qualifications,

- At least one degree in industrial/product design
- Earned Doctorate by the start date
- Record of scholarship in peer-reviewed venues
- Record of successful grant awards
- Record of innovative teaching in product design
- Evidence of diversity in scholarship
- Experience in program and curricular development and/or administration in undergraduate and/or graduate education
- Evidence of collaboration with faculty in multiple academic disciplines
- Industry experience in the development of products (including physical or digital goods or services)

Institutional Setting

The College of Design includes programs in apparel design, architecture, graphic design, housing studies, human factors and ergonomics, interior design, landscape architecture, product design, and retail merchandising. The College offers rich opportunities for interdisciplinary research and public engagement through its highly regarded research and outreach centers including Wearable Product Design, Design in Health, Digital Design, the Goldstein Museum of Design, Metropolitan Design, and Sustainable Building Research.

Product Design and the College of Design are situated within a major research university that hosts an unusually broad range of disciplines, faculty, and students. We offer a Bachelor of Science degree and a graduate and undergraduate minor. A proposal is in review for a Master of Science degree in Product Design. Partnerships and other productive connections have developed with other highly ranked University of Minnesota colleges, departments, and programs, such as mechanical engineering, computer science, anthropology, and the Carlson School of Management.

Minnesota is recognized as a progressive state and the Twin Cities of Minneapolis and St. Paul as one of the major design centers in the United States. Well known for its high quality of life, the Minneapolis/St. Paul metropolitan area offers world-caliber museums and theaters, an exceptional parks system, outstanding historical landmarks, excellent educational opportunities, and access to a well-regarded

health care system. The Twin Cities are also home to 17 Fortune 500 companies, in addition to thriving local businesses and a strong non-profit sector.

How to Apply

Applications must be submitted online at <http://humanresources.umn.edu/jobs>. Search for Job ID#313665. To be considered for this position, please click the Apply button and follow the instructions. You will have the opportunity to complete an online application for the position.

The following additional documents MUST be uploaded AFTER application by accessing your "My Activities" page and uploading documents there:

1) cover letter; 2) curriculum vitae; 3) transcripts of your graduate work (may be unofficial transcripts at time of application); 4) brief statement of vision for scholarly work; 5) brief statement of vision for teaching; 6) brief portfolio of scholarship, including original design work, creative practice, student work, and research papers, if available; 7) summary of recent teaching evaluations; and, 8) contact information for three references.

Questions regarding the search process should be directed to Jessica McCann, HR Generalist, at telephone: (612) 624-1721; e-mail: mccann@umn.edu. Questions regarding the position description and expectations should be directed to Barry Kudrowitz, Search Committee Chair, at telephone (612) 624-1708; Email: barryk@umn.edu.

Review of applications will begin November 30, 2016. For more information, please visit our web site at <http://product.design.umn.edu/>.

Diversity

The University recognizes and values the importance of diversity and inclusion in enriching the employment experience of its employees and in supporting the academic mission. The University is committed to attracting and retaining employees with varying identities and backgrounds.

The University of Minnesota provides equal access to and opportunity in its programs, facilities, and employment without regard to race, color, creed, religion, national origin, gender, age, marital status, disability, public assistance status, veteran status, sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression. To learn more about diversity at the U: <http://diversity.umn.edu>. To request an accommodation during the application process, please email employ@umn.edu or call (612) 624-UOHR (8647).

Background Check Information

Any offer of employment is contingent upon the successful completion of a background check. Our presumption is that prospective employees are eligible to work here. Criminal convictions do not automatically disqualify finalists from employment.