Faculty Position in Industrial Design

Tenure Track Assistant Professor Department of Design
University of California, Davis

The Department of Design at the University of California, Davis, invites applications for a new faculty position in industrial design with a focus on sustainable product design. The appointment will be made at the tenure-track assistant professor level. Successful candidates will demonstrate a capacity for conducting original creative work and research in industrial design and/or product design. Creative activities and research will emphasize sustainable design, pursued through technological innovation, energy conservation, application of universal design principles, and/or the equitable distribution of resources (natural, man-made, and cultural). Additional desirable skills and experience include (i) the ability to generate and develop extramural funding and relationships with industry and/or communities, and (ii) a history of entrepreneurship, especially in the advancement of innovative industrial/product design. The appointee will be expected to assume a leadership role at UC Davis in mapping new directions in sustainable industrial/product design. In addition to the research/creative agenda described above, the appointee will teach in the undergraduate and graduate programs, and collaboratively participate in the activities, service, and life of the department as well as with other disciplines at the university level, and will establish meaningful connections to broader academic, professional, commercial and/or public communities. A MDes, MID, MFA or equivalent terminal degree is required. Studio format teaching experience preferred; successful candidates will demonstrate an ability to teach a combination of practice-based studio classes and large lecture courses. An ability to advance the university’s and department’s commitment to diversity and inclusion through research, teaching, and outreach with relevant programs, goals, and activities is also desired. This tenure-track position expands the disciplinary range of the Department of Design; the appointee will have the opportunity to create and grow the new area of industrial design at UC Davis. Appointment commences July 1, 2015.

The UC Davis Dept. of Design, which includes the UC Davis Design Museum and the California Lighting Technology Center, is the only comprehensive academic design unit in the University of California system, one of the world’s leading public universities. The program offers a research-focused curriculum combining theoretical and humanistic study with innovation and practice.

Candidates begin the application process by registering online at https://recruit.ucdavis.edu/apply/JPF00355. Submit letter of interest, CV, a brief statement of future research plans, descriptions of courses taught and/or proposed, twenty images of creative works, and the names and contact details for four references. Review of applications begins January 10, 2015 and continues until the position is filled. Questions about the position may be addressed to Prof. Michael Siminovitch at mjsiminovitch@ucdavis.edu.

The University of California, Davis is an affirmative action/equal opportunity employer with a strong institutional commitment to the achievement of diversity among its faculty and staff.