# UNIVERSITY OF NORTH TEXAS COLLEGE OF VISUAL ARTS & DESIGN FACULTY POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT

Position: Fashion Design

Rank/Salary: Open Rank: Assistant, Associate or Full Professor (Tenure Track). Salary commensurate with experience.

Start Date: Fall Semester 2018

**Position:** The Department of Design at The University of North Texas (UNT) seeks a scholar and/or designer with a commitment to excellence and a passion for teaching and professional practice in Fashion Design. Applicants with an energetic, team-building leadership style, and a record and willingness toward developing and building synergistic relationships with fashion industry partners are encouraged.

Fashion Design seeks applications for this new full-time, nine-month, position at the rank of Assistant, Associate or Full Professor with the appointment to begin in the fall semester, 2018. The Fashion Design Program is part of the Department of Design within the College of Visual Arts and Design.

#### **Qualifications:**

Required: PhD or MFA in Fashion Design or closely related discipline, in-hand at time of appointment, with an active and distinguished record of creative work appropriate to rank. A Master's degree in Fashion Design with exceptional fashion industry experience may also be considered. College level teaching experience as instructor of record is required. Three years of professional design experience are preferred. Candidates must demonstrate strong visual design skills and a capacity for conducting original creative design and research work within a background of creative practice and/or industry experience. Candidates must show a proficiency in all aspects of fashion design including knowledge and experience in conceptual design, technical design, and clothing construction including pattern drafting, draping, tailoring and emerging technologies.

Experience in one or more of the following is highly desired: apparel design technologies such as Adobe Creative Suite, ePortfolio platforms, 2D computer applications such as Gerber, Optitex, 3D garment simulation and familiarity with other emerging technologies (e.g. 3D visualization, body scanning, wearable technology, and digital fabrication).

The successful candidate will exhibit leadership qualities appropriate to advance the UNT Fashion Design program's long history of educating professional designers, engage students in design competitions, research projects, technology, student professional development, and global studies, and also navigate the program into new directions as a highly desirable higher education option for students in the ever-changing field of fashion design.

## **Responsibilities:**

We are seeking a scholar and/or designer with areas of expertise to teach across all-levels of undergraduate and graduate courses in our Fashion Design program. Teaching responsibilities will include design studios, technical studios, and Lecture/Seminars. The successful candidate will help conceptualize, develop, and build new areas of research and study for the fashion design program in current and emerging apparel design technologies along with opportunities to engage students in virtual garment development. The candidate will also be expected to be an engaged member of the department, college and university.

Deadline: Review of applications begins January 5th and will continue until the position is closed.

## The Program:

Our professional design program emphasizes conceptual design, industry techniques and practices through a skill building curriculum that results in development of a body of work. As the only university-housed Fashion Design BFA

program in the Southwest region, our creative, diverse students are sought after for employment in the fashion industry nationwide. Our program is supported by access to the *Texas Fashion Collection* a 20,000 piece collection of apparel and accessory artifacts from the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> Century. Our NASAD-accredited program is housed in the Design Department within the College of Visual Arts and Design (CVAD).

The Setting: Established in 1890, UNT is one of the nation's largest public research universities with 38,000 students. Ranked a Tier One research university by the Carnegie Classification, UNT is a catalyst for creativity, fueling progress, innovation and entrepreneurship for the North Texas region and the state. As the university has grown, so has its reach and impact. UNT graduated 8,900 students last year from its 13 colleges and schools and offers 101 bachelor's, 82 master's and 38 doctoral degree programs, many nationally and internationally recognized. UNT's world-class faculty are making breakthroughs every day, and its students and alumni are changing the world around them. UNT is located in Denton. Denton is located just north of the Dallas-Fort Worth metropolitan area and its rich cultural offerings provides excellent research and professional opportunities for students and faculty. Among the many museums in the Dallas-Fort Worth metropolitan area are the Amon Carter Museum, African American Museum, Trammell and Margaret Crow Collection of Asian Art, Dallas Museum of Art, Dallas Contemporary, Kimbell Art Museum, Meadows Museum, Modern Art Museum of Fort Worth and Nasher Sculpture Center.

The College of Visual Arts and Design, with facilities in Denton, Frisco and Dallas, is one of the largest and most comprehensive visual arts programs in the Southwest. With over 2,100 undergraduate students and 135 graduate students, the NASAD-accredited College offers the BA, BFA, MA, MFA in 14 program areas: art education, art history, ceramics, communication design, drawing and painting, fashion design, fibers, interdisciplinary art and design studies, interior design, metalsmithing and jewelry, new media art, photography, printmaking, and sculpture, with a PhD offered in art education. Further information about the College and University can be found at <a href="art.unt.edu">art.unt.edu</a> and <a href="www.unt.edu">www.unt.edu</a>.

### Application:

Submit the following materials via online submission (<a href="http://facultyjobs.unt.edu">http://facultyjobs.unt.edu</a>):

- letter of intent, including teaching philosophy and research focus
- curriculum vitae
- unofficial transcript
- contact information for three professional references—name, address, email address and phone number—for each reference.

Applicants are instructed to submit the following materials via our SlideRoom portal at unt.slideroom.com.

- 20 examples of professional and/or scholarly work (pdf or URL listing). Provide a brief description of the project parameters for each image.
- 20 examples of student work (if available) consisting of print and/or interactive examples in digital format (pdf or URL listing). Provide a brief description of the project parameters for each image.

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