

COLLEGE OF DESIGN

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

Assistant Professor, Product Design

- Position:** Assistant Professor (tenure-track) in Product Design, College of Design, University of Minnesota. Nine-month, 100 percent time, academic year appointment.
- Responsibilities:** The successful candidate will create and grow a research program in product design and will develop and teach undergraduate and graduate courses in product design. The candidate will collaborate with faculty across the university and will establish ties to local, national and international businesses to leverage their research and teaching activities. The candidate will be a critical member of the team that is developing new product design degree programs at the University of Minnesota. The candidate will disseminate in peer-reviewed venues and will pursue external funding to support their research agenda. The candidate will advise graduate students, will mentor undergraduate students and will participate in faculty governance at the program, department, college and university levels.
- Required Qualifications:** Terminal degree earned by the start date with at least one degree in product design, industrial design, engineering, business or a closely related field. Experience in at least one of the following areas: design or design thinking related to products and systems, manufacturing and fabrication processes, product development process, social entrepreneurship. A demonstrated record of teaching effectiveness. A commitment to interdisciplinary work. Strong collaborative and interpersonal skills. Ability to support interdisciplinary initiatives in teaching and research with related fields in the College of Design (architecture, apparel design, graphic design, housing studies, interior design, retail merchandising or landscape architecture) and across the university. Ability to forge productive connections with business, related professions, and communities beyond the university. A record of creative activity or scholarly research in areas related to product design. Clear vision for research or creative scholarship program and the ability to procure grants to support the program. Demonstrated or potential leadership skills. A global perspective. Attention to cultural diversity in teaching and research.
- Preferred Qualifications:** In addition to essential qualifications: A record of innovative teaching. Experience in program and curricular development in undergraduate or graduate education. International visibility in product design or related areas. Evidence of collaboration with academic departments in multiple disciplines. Record of achievement in integrating design and business. Strong visual communication skills. Industry experience.
- Salary and Rank:** Commensurate with qualifications and experience.
- Start Date:** August 25, 2014 (anticipated)
- Application Procedure:** Required application procedure is online at: <http://employment.umn.edu/applicants/Central?quickFind=115064> (Requisition # 187332). Please complete the application and submit the following required attachments: 1.) cover letter; 2.) curriculum vitae; 3.) transcripts of your graduate work (may be unofficial transcripts at time of application); 4.) statement of vision for research in product design; and statement of vision for teaching in product design; 5.) brief (no more than 4 pages) portfolio of original design scholarly work, creative practice, and student work; 6.) recent teaching evaluations (no more than 10 pages); 7.) contact information for three references. Attachments must be submitted as PDF's in the on-line employment system. Priority will be given to applications received by November 15, 2013. Process questions to Carrie Vigen, HR Specialist, PH: 612/624-1721; Email: cvigen@umn.edu. Content questions to Lucy Dunne, Search Committee Chair, PH: 612/626-5901; Email: ldunne@umn.edu. For more information, please visit our web site at <http://design.umn.edu/>
- Background Check Requirement: Employment is contingent upon a satisfactory background check. A satisfactory background check is the absence of a criminal record which bears a demonstrable relationship to the applicant/employee's suitability to perform the required duties and responsibilities of the position.

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