VISITING ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF GRAPHIC DESIGN

DATE OF APPOINTMENT: August 13, 2021

JOB DESCRIPTION: The School of Art and Design at West Virginia University is accepting applications for a one-year, Visiting Assistant Professor in Graphic Design beginning Fall 2021. This full-time, 9-month, non-tenure track, benefits-eligible position begins in August and is renewable up to 3 years.

This visiting professor assignment will consist of 40% teaching, 40% research/creative activity, 20% service. Teaching will be a 3/3 load consisting of teaching sophomore to senior level. Additional teaching, administrative, and/or service responsibilities will be assigned according to the needs of the program, the School of Art and Design, and the abilities and interests of the candidate.

From writing code to binding books, students in WVU’s Graphic Design program are encouraged to learn a wide range of skills, while investigating how graphic design impacts culture, communicates ideas, and instigates change. Alumni have a proven track record of gaining employment in competitive cities across the country. Faculty have access to the tools and resources of an R1 institution and also have the opportunity to develop and teach specialized courses at the senior level.

QUALIFICATIONS: The successful candidate must have an MFA or equivalent terminal degree by the starting date of employment. University-level teaching experience is preferred. The ideal candidate should be well-versed in contemporary graphic design issues and will have a deep understanding of the profession. Expertise is expected in two or more areas including: typography, branding, design for social impact, exhibition design, design research, packaging design, motion graphics, user interface and experience (UI and UX) design, design-system thinking, responsive web design.

The candidate will demonstrate exemplary communication skills, collegiality, and the ability to contribute to the intellectual and cultural life of the University. Participation in School of Art and Design activities, attracting and retaining students, and faculty governance is required.

APPLICATION: Applicants must submit a letter of application, a curriculum vitae, teaching philosophy, design philosophy, sample syllabus, a PDF containing 20 images of professional/personal work, a PDF of 20 images of student work, and names of at least three references with contact information. Additional materials may be requested later.

Applications must be submitted online at https://wvu.taleo.net/careersection/faculty/jobsearch.ftl?lang=en

DEADLINE: Applications will be reviewed starting April 15th and remain open until the position is filled.

THE SCHOOL OF ART & DESIGN has an enrollment of 270 undergraduate and 20 graduate students, with 20 full-time and 17 part-time faculty. West Virginia University is the only state institution accredited by the National Association of Schools of Art and Design (NASAD). The various degree programs offered in Art and Design at WVU include: Bachelor of Fine Arts in Visual Art, Bachelor of Fine Arts in Art Education, Bachelor of Arts in Interactive Design for Media, Bachelor of Arts in Art History,
Bachelor of Arts in Technical Art History, Bachelor of Arts in Art Therapy, Master of Fine Arts, Master of Arts in Art History, Master of Arts in Art Education, and a graduate certificate in Therapeutic Art.

THE COLLEGE OF CREATIVE ARTS (ccarts.wvu.edu) is one of 15 colleges within the university, includes the Schools of Music, Theatre & Dance, and Art & Design, and offers the state’s premiere training in the visual and performing arts. Each of these units has a national profile of excellence and all programs are nationally accredited (NASM, NAST, and NASAD).

The College of Creative Arts is housed in WVU’s Canady Creative Arts Center and has more than 70 full-time faculty and 20 professional staff whose mission is to educate succeeding generations of artists, teachers, and scholars through an experiential student-centered approach to learning. The College advocates the Arts as a medium through which the diversity of human experience is understood and valued. Exemplifying excellence and innovation in performance, exhibition, scholarship, and creative research, the College offers artistic and cultural opportunities for the citizens of West Virginia and the regional community.

WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY (wvu.edu) is classified as an R1 or Highest Research Activity institution, and is the state’s only comprehensive doctoral-granting, land grant institution. WVU has a current enrollment of approximately 28,000 undergraduate and 5,500 graduate students enrolled in more than 184 graduate and undergraduate programs. The university community is committed to student-centered priorities, academic excellence, research, creative activity and service to the state.

The city of Morgantown has 55,000 residents and has been ranked as the “#1 Small City in America,” the “Best Small City in the East,” and the “3rd Best Small Town” in the nation. Boasting a strong economy and an unemployment rate well below the national average, the area also offers a wide variety of cultural and recreational activities.

West Virginia University is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer and the recipient of an NSF ADVANCE award for gender equity. The University values diversity among its faculty, staff and students, and invites applications from all qualified individuals, including minorities, females, individuals with disabilities, and veterans. Meeting the needs of today's professional couples is a critical factor in WVU's success in recruiting and retaining new faculty and senior staff. Our Dual Career Program assists couples in your employment search. WVU belongs to the OH/Western PA/WV Higher Education Recruitment Consortium (HERC). Please visit dualcareer.wvu.edu and ohwpawwere.org for more information and job postings.