

KANSAS CITY ART INSTITUTE - POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT

Position: Graphic Design Faculty (Full-Time)

Status: Tenure Track

Rank: Assistant Professor

Start Date: Aug. 15, 2018

Description: The Kansas City Art Institute, a national leader in visual arts education, seeks nominations and applications for a full time assistant professor tenure track position in graphic design to begin August 2018. Kansas City Art Institute is a four-year, independent and accredited college of art and design founded in 1885, and located in the cultural heart of metropolitan Kansas City, Missouri. The college enrolls over 600 undergraduate students drawn regionally, nationally and internationally. www.kcai.edu

Requirements for the Position:

The Graphic Design Department is seeking a collaborative and curious colleague with progressive ideas about design practice and pedagogy and who is actively building a record of experiences in both areas. We recognize the breadth and depth of contemporary design practice and are open to research and practice interests in user interface and user experience; history and theory of graphic design; environmental design and wayfinding; motion; information and instructional design; service design; social innovation; curation and writing; and/or experimental modes of publishing/story-telling/imaging.

Our priority is to build the strongest possible complement of faculty and we are open to a wide range of possibilities for how that may be done. A strong interest in curricular development is a must, as the team is in the process of building a long-term collective vision of how a design department might function in the coming decades, and implementing that within a private art school context.

Persons filling this position will be expected to engage in research/creative activity and service, in addition to building knowledge, commitment and motivation in undergraduate sophomores through seniors (3/3 teaching load) in courses that best fit the candidate's strengths.

Faculty are currently discussing topics such as radical shifts in educational approaches including vertical studios, the inquiry method, cross-disciplinary models, etc; fostering studio culture; maximizing effective learning spaces; graphic design in relation to other disciplines (product design, interactive arts, animation, illustration) and the art school context.

Qualified applicants must have:

- Minimum of MGD, MDes, MFA or similar degree
- Post-secondary teaching experience in design
- Demonstrated experience using digital and analog/hands-on technologies and processes
- Demonstrated record of professional practice

Applications deadline and procedures:

This position is considered "open" until an offer of employment has been accepted. Initial review of applications will begin Feb 1st. Applications received during the on-campus finalist stage of the search are not guaranteed consideration.

Apply by email to: jobs+graphicdesign2018@kcai.edu

Attach to the email in PDF format only:

Cover letter

CV or Resumé

Teaching Philosophy

Portfolio of design work (professional, self-initiated, research, or similar) – PDF or website is acceptable

Portfolio of student work (please include prompts, objectives and visual outcomes) – PDF or website is acceptable

Salary Expectation and Salary History

List of 3 professional references we may contact

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