Assistant Professor, Full Time Tenure Track Position, Industrial Design Department

POSITION DESCRIPTION:

The Industrial Design Department in the School of Design at Pratt Institute invites applications for a full-time tenure track faculty position at the Assistant Professor rank to begin August 2022. We seek applicants who have a broad vision of the future of the design field as well as the ability to articulate that vision. The department, which offers both BID and MID degrees, is a recognized leader in the field.

Successful candidates will have a strong record of achievement that includes professional practice, contemporary scholarship and creative activity in the field of industrial design; demonstrated knowledge of design theory and research; and the ability to teach across a broad range of courses at both the undergraduate and graduate levels. We seek applicants who embrace systems thinking and the interdisciplinary nature of design and engage with current and emerging platforms, skills and issues that impact design. Demonstrated commitment to design education, curricular development, sustainability and pedagogical and social innovation is essential. We are committed to advancing diversity and inclusion in our curriculum as well as in the ranks of our faculty students and staff and seek applicants who can contribute to the furtherance of these goals.

Pratt Institute provides the creative leaders of tomorrow the knowledge and experience to make a better world. A top-ranked college with opportunities in art, design, architecture, liberal arts and sciences, and information studies, Pratt offers nearly 50 undergraduate and graduate degree programs.

The Institute’s impact expands beyond its 25-acre residential campus in Brooklyn to cutting-edge facilities throughout the borough, a landmark building and public gallery in Manhattan, as well as an extension campus, PrattMWP College of Art and Design in Utica, New York. Since its founding in 1887, Pratt has prioritized diversity and inclusion, welcoming students from all walks of life while developing and sustaining pathways to more equitable workplaces and careers.

Today, Pratt and its exceptional faculty pride themselves on being academically excellent as well as adaptable to both in-person and online learning. Pratt students are part of a collaborative, interdisciplinary, research- and inquiry-based education that prepares them for success in creative fields and professional practice, with the goal of contributing to a fairer, more sustainable world. With a long-held commitment to the communities of New York, Pratt partners locally through the Pratt Center for Community Development to work for a more just city. The Institute also offers a variety of programs for local pre-college and continuing education students in the Center for Art, Design, and Community Engagement K-12 and the School of Continuing and Professional Studies.

The value of a Pratt education is evident in its graduates‘ diverse and thriving careers, where their designs, art, work, and environments have reimagined our world. In over 75 countries across the globe, Pratt’s 61,000 alumni are advancing the creative economy and making a positive impact through their remarkable work and research.
JOB Responsibilities:
● Teach three to four courses per semester, including design studios and selected support courses at the undergraduate and graduate levels.
● Actively participate in curriculum development.
● Advise and mentor students.
● Participate in and lead research activities within and across disciplines with students and other faculty, both in class and in extra-curricular projects.
● Participate in committee work and other service to the department, school, institute and community;
● Contribute to the intellectual culture of the department.
● Develop and maintain personal, scholarly and professional standing in the design field.
● Build interdisciplinary collaborations both inside and outside the School of Design

Education
MFA, MDes, MID or degree equivalent in industrial design program design or a related field.

Experience and Skills
● Demonstrated excellence in teaching with a minimum of 3 years experience at the undergraduate and/or graduate level.
● At least 3-5 years of recognized, current professional practice and/or creative scholarship in the fields of industrial design, product design or a related discipline.
● Excellent oral, written and interpersonal communication skills.
● Excellent collaborator with management and leadership skills: ability to meet deadlines.
● Understanding of design theory and design research, system thinking and sustainability as well as historical and critical perspectives on contemporary design. Expertise in a broad range of methodologies, concepts, techniques and technology related to contemporary design practice.

Preferred
● Demonstrated ability to work with other faculty and students on interdisciplinary/collaborative projects and dedication to the building of a community of scholars/educators.
● Experience in curricular design, coordination and development.
● A record of successful funding procurement and grant activity.

Salary is competitive and commensurate with education and experience.

To Apply
Review of applications to begin February 28, 2022 and continue until the position is filled.

To apply please submit the following materials via our applicant site at: https://apply.interfolio.com/101200
1) A statement of interest that includes a statement about teaching, professional and research goals and experience.

2) A Curriculum Vitae.

3) A portfolio of 20 examples of professional and student work.

4) A statement outlining how you have worked to promote diversity, equity, and inclusion in your career and how you plan on continuing to do so here at Pratt. Applicants are encouraged to review and refer to the Institute’s Strategic Plan when crafting their submission.

5) The names and contact information of three references. This information must be provided at the time of application. References will not be contacted without notifying the applicant in advance.

**Equal Employment Opportunity Statement**

We are an equal opportunity employer and do not discriminate in hiring or employment on the basis of race, color, religion or belief, national or ethnic origin, citizenship, marital or domestic partnership status, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, age, disability, military or veteran status, or any other characteristic protected by federal, state, or local law. Pratt Institute recognizes and values the benefits of a diverse workforce.