

Position Title: Full-time Core Faculty

Department: Graduate Media Design Program, Art Center College of Design

Positions Available: 1

The graduate Media Design Program at Art Center College of Design is looking for a full-time faculty member with a background in Sociology, Anthropology, Social Practices, Media Studies, or Science and Technology Studies to begin Summer or Fall 2011. The faculty member will work with other faculty from design backgrounds to develop a new curriculum for a track within the Media Design MFA called "Media Design Matters" (MDM), that brings together media design, social research, public policy, and information technologies to address social issues in an applied context. Media Design Program students are world class and come from diverse disciplinary and national backgrounds.

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The MDM curriculum will be built around an 8-month team-based project conducted in the field in partnership with an NGO, development agency, national non-profit or local community. Our first project partner for 2012 will be the U.S. Fund for UNICEF.

The new degree track is a collaboration between the Media Design Program and Designmatters. Designmatters is a college-wide initiative exploring social and humanitarian design and helped Art Center become the first design college to receive United Nations Non-Governmental (NGO) status.

designmatters.artcenter.edu

Position Description:

Within the Media Design Program, core faculty members work collaboratively on program curriculum and philosophy and are responsible for one or two assigned areas of administration or research. We are looking for someone who is specifically interested in emerging social and cultural roles for design and technology and who is interested in building connections with the same at other academic institutions or companies throughout Southern California and around the world. The curriculum is still being designed so there is an opportunity to develop and test new pedagogy that brings a critical approach to applied research with people, technology, and social issues, in collaboration with Designmatters.

The faculty member will be required to travel in both the Fall and the Spring for the MDM project. The project location will change from year to year and could be as far away as Uganda or as close as downtown Los Angeles. Faculty members will have the opportunity to use the MDM project situation to conduct their own research in parallel, if desired.

Candidates will be eligible for a 3-year renewable full-time contract. The "Core Faculty" designation is a premier position at Art Center. Faculty will be expected to maintain an active research practice. Salary will be commensurate with professional experience and teaching.

Qualifications:

Candidates should have a PhD in their field (or be ABD) and bring the following minimum experience: three years teaching full- or part-time; five years corporate, institutional, or academic research; three years engaging with design and technology in some capacity. We are looking for an individual with a demonstrated commitment to building innovative approaches to emerging issues and interdisciplinary practice and to developing a strong context for their own practice. Experience with any of the following, while not required, is a definite plus: managing field research, managing projects and/or partnerships, developing funding relationships, and/or working with non-profits or development agencies.

Application Process and Materials:

Posting dates: December 10, 2010 – open until filled. For best consideration apply before February 15, 2011. Review of applications to begin immediately.

Please send the following as email attachments: a cover letter, c.v., statements of professional and/or research interests and pedagogical philosophy, and contact information for three references. References will not be contacted until a final interview has taken place.

Candidates may be asked to provide support materials such as documentation of research, student work, and/or writing samples electronically or by mail. Please do not submit any support materials unless requested to do so.

Please send questions and/or application with reference to “MDM Full-time Faculty” to:

HR@artcenter.edu

**Human Resources
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About the Graduate Media Design Program

Art Center's graduate program in Media Design offers a two- or three-year Master of Fine Arts curriculum that helps ambitious designers from a variety of backgrounds become design leaders and researchers in emerging fields. Graduate Media Design prepares designers for a world in which virtually anything—from a new material to a global network—may be the next medium or platform of communication. artcenter.edu/mdp/

About Art Center College of Design

Founded in 1930 and located in Pasadena, California, Art Center College of Design is a global leader in art and design education and the first design school to receive the United Nations' Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) status. Art Center offers bachelor's degrees in advertising, entertainment design, environmental design, film, fine art, graphic design, illustration, photography and imaging, product design and transportation design. A graduate program of study can lead to a master's degree in art, broadcast cinema, industrial design and media design. The college also offers a series of programs for the general public, including Art Center at Night, its continuing studies program; Saturday High for high school students; Art Center for Kids for children in the fourth through eighth grades; and the Design-Based Learning program for K-12 educators. artcenter.edu

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