ASSISTANT PROFESSOR – USER EXPERIENCE DESIGN

The University of Michigan is one of the world's foremost public research universities. The Stamps School of Art & Design, as one of the 19 schools and colleges found on the UM’s Ann Arbor, Michigan campus, offers a rich interdisciplinary environment for the development of creative practitioners. Undergraduate programs include BFA and BA degrees in art and design, a BFA in Interarts Performance, and a number of dual degree options with other UM schools and colleges. At the graduate level, students pursue one of two tracks of study – an MFA in Studio Art or an MDes in Integrative Design. Both graduate programs integrate creative production with rigorous academic studies, international study with regional community engagement, and theoretical grounding with skills development.

To become part of an exciting and ambitious academic vision, we are seeking qualified candidates for a tenure-track faculty position in user experience design, at the rank of assistant professor.

Candidates whose research, creative work and teaching combine a robust array of the following will be given preference: primary creative practice in user experience design, HCI, or comparable discipline, with experience teaching information structures and design, end-user functionality and research, and data-driven design techniques; extensive knowledge of current and emerging professional practices in user experience design with the ability to prepare students for career opportunities in the field; solid background in design theory and history and user experience research; and demonstrated experience in socially engaged creative practice. Special consideration will be given to applicants whose qualifications and interests prepare them for active engagement with other academic units at the University and/or with the community beyond the University; who are open to collaborative/interdisciplinary teaching, research, and creative projects; and, who are well prepared to teach in a developmental way across the curricula and to both undergraduate and graduate students.

Stamps School Context

The Stamps School of Art & Design enrolls some 600 undergraduate and 20-30 graduate students. Nearly 40 full-time faculty, a cohort of part-time faculty, and an experienced administrative and technical staff support the School's programs. Additional information about the School and its programs is available at http://stamps.umich.edu/. Engagement with the extensive human and technical resources of the University of Michigan is encouraged and facilitated. Enrollment on the University of Michigan Ann Arbor campus totals 40,000 graduate and undergraduate students. Additional information about the University is available at http://www.umich.edu/. Ann Arbor, located 40 miles west of Detroit on the Huron River, is an intellectually and culturally rich community, with a population of 120,000. Additional information about Ann Arbor is available at http://www.annarbor.org/.

The School's programs presume a strong commitment to diversity and inclusiveness by faculty.
Application Information

Applications Due: Review of applications will begin January 5, 2015.

Qualifications: MFA or equivalent required, Ph.D. preferred; university-level teaching experience beyond graduate-student teaching; and an established record of creative work / research and/or industry or equivalent professional experience relevant to the position.

Appointment Rank: Assistant Professor

Start Date: September 1, 2015

Salary/Benefits: Highly competitive and commensurate with experience. Applicants are encouraged to review the following site for additional information:

*Family Friendly Policies, Programs, Services, and Benefits for Faculty:* http://www.provost.umich.edu/faculty/family/

To Apply: Applications must be submitted electronically through the University's applicant portal at:

http://umjobs.org/job_detail/103221/assistant_professor_-user_experience_design

Submit, combined as a SINGLE PDF FILE (500K maximum size), the following materials: 1) a cover letter outlining qualifications; 2) a detailed resume/CV including links to creative work/research; 3) a statement of creative work and/or research; 4) a statement of teaching interests/philosophy; 5) demonstration of teaching expertise applicable to the position through inclusion of links to up to 20 student work samples; and, 6) the names and contact information for at least three references.

The University of Michigan conducts background checks on all job candidates upon acceptance of a contingent offer and may use a third party administrator to conduct background checks. Background checks will be performed in compliance with the Fair Credit Reporting Act.

Additional Information: Questions regarding the application process may be sent to artdes-hr@umich.edu

The Stamps School is especially interested in qualified candidates who can contribute, through their creative work, research, teaching, and/or service, to the diversity and excellence of the academic community. Underrepresented minorities and women are strongly encouraged to apply. The University of Michigan is a non-discriminatory / affirmative action employer and is responsive to the needs of dual career families.