

Position: Department Chair, Visual Arts

DESCRIPTION

The Department of Visual Arts, in the College of Arts & Media (CAM), at the University of Colorado Denver (UCD) seeks a Department Chair, to be hired at the rank of Associate or Full Professor with tenure. The successful candidate will have achieved tenure, have strong communications skills, leadership experience in the arts, an M.F.A., Ph.D., or equivalent experience, a strong exhibition and/or publication record, and an ongoing commitment to his/her research/creative work. Visual artists, curators, and art historians are all encouraged to submit their applications for the position. In addition to assigned administrative responsibilities, the Chair will teach a reduced load in his/her area of expertise, supervise faculty and staff, and oversee undergraduate curriculum and advising. The Chair is an advocate for the faculty and works closely and collaboratively with the Dean of the College of Arts & Media and the Chairs of the Departments of Music and Entertainment Industry Studies (MEIS) and Theatre, Film, and Video Production (TFVP) to advance the mission of the department and the college. The candidate should possess successful experience with fiscal management and responsibility in an academic unit. The ideal candidate will also possess a strong record of engagement with both traditional and contemporary art practices, including digital technologies, in the context of an interdisciplinary and team-taught teaching environment. As Chair, the successful candidate will foster a culture of diversity and innovation through the implementation of new academic initiatives, and will build bridges and strong interdisciplinary relationships across the university as well as develop successful partnerships in the community.

As one of three institutions within the University of Colorado system, the University of Colorado Denver (UCD) is located in the heart of downtown Denver, and at the Anschutz Medical Campus in Aurora. The University of Colorado Denver is ranked among the top biomedical research institutions in the U.S. The School of Medicine was ranked 20th in NIH funding in 2004. The two campuses combined enroll more than 28,000 students and offer more than 100 study programs in 12 schools and colleges at the bachelors, masters, and doctoral levels, and has proudly positioned itself to be one of the top urban research universities in the country with more than \$300 million a year in research grants and contracts.

The College of Arts & Media, located on the UCD Downtown Denver campus, offers B.F.A./B.A. degrees in Studio Arts, Art History, Theatre, Film and Television, B.S./M.S. degrees in Music, with studies in the rapidly growing field of audio forensics.

Fine Arts majors select programs in Art History, Drawing, Painting, Photography, Sculpture, Digital Design and Digital Animation. These emphasis areas provide students with a comprehensive knowledge of, and direct experience with the various media—as well as an understanding of art theory, knowledge of the methods and materials of art making, and a critical analysis of the art object in historical perspectives. Fine Arts students have access to the photography lab (with black and white, color, non-silver and digital capabilities), sculpture lab (with metal casting and fabrication and woodworking facilities), and drawing and painting studios. Digital facilities include non-linear editing suites, and an audio production/post-production classroom, in addition to studio/office spaces for the Visual Arts faculty.

Required Qualifications:

- M.F.A. or Ph.D.
- Leadership experience in the arts.
- Record of excellence in research/creative work, teaching, and service that merits appointment at the rank of Professor or Associate Professor.

Preferred Qualifications:

- Successful leadership and collaboration experience in an academic unit.
- Experience with fiscal management.
- Proven ability to serve as an advocate for faculty, foster diversity in curriculum, nurture new initiatives, build strong interdisciplinary relationships across the university and develop successful partnerships in the community.

POSITION: 10 month appointment. Teaching load TBD

STARTING DATE: July 1, 2009

COMPENSATION: Salary commensurate with skills and experience. The University of Colorado offers a full benefits package. Information on University benefits programs, including eligibility, is located at www.cusys.edu/pbs [≤http://www.cusys.edu/pbs>](http://www.cusys.edu/pbs) .

APPLICATION MATERIALS:

1. Letter of application.
2. Complete and current vitae (resume).
3. Names and full contact information for three references (including phone numbers and email addresses).

SEND APPLICATION MATERIALS TO:

www.JobsatCU.com

Applications and nominations will be accepted until the position is filled.

Review of applications will begin on October 31, 2008.

Videoconferences for *semifinalists* will be scheduled in early January 2009. Semifinalists will be asked to supply samples of research/creative work, preferably in slide or digital format. Portfolios containing Photoshop jpegs or tiff files must include a separate printed image list with correlating information for the labeled images with name, title, date, medium and dimensions.

On-campus interviews will be scheduled for *finalists* in February 2009.

For more information on the College of Arts & Media, or the University of Colorado Denver and the Downtown Denver campus, visit our websites at www.cudenver.edu, www.uchsc.edu, or www.cam.cudenver.edu.

The University of Colorado Denver (UCD) is dedicated to ensuring a safe and secure environment for our faculty, staff, students and visitors. To achieve this goal, we conduct background investigations for all prospective employees.

The University of Colorado is committed to diversity and equality in education and employment.