

San José State University
San Jose, California
ANNOUNCEMENT OF POSITION AVAILABILITY
Subject to Budgetary Approval
Graphic Design
Department of Design
College of Humanities & the Arts

Job Opening ID (JOID): 14220

Position: Full-time tenure track position in the Department of Design

Rank: Assistant Professor Graphic Design (Interaction & User Experience Design Emphasis)

Qualifications:

A postgraduate degree in graphic design including at least sixty semester hour credits (MDES or MFA preferred) with thesis/project included is required. Applicants should demonstrate a beginning record of professional design activity along with their academic background. Previous teaching experience at the post-secondary level, which may include graduate teaching assistantships, is required. The Graphic Design Program emphasizes problem solving through a solid foundation in typography, visual, analytical, organizational, and communication skills and the study of new information technologies. The candidate must exhibit knowledge of design theory within historic, socio-cultural, and technological contexts. Understanding that digital technology continues to transform the fabric of design, appointee will be instrumental in helping develop graduate programs and defining time-based media with distance learning objectives. Evidence of success in developing and completing interdisciplinary activities and group projects is encouraged.

Candidates should demonstrate a command of image making, typography, and visual exploration using digital media with applications in the areas of “interaction design” and “user interface design.” Candidates should demonstrate engagement with theories of how data bases, words, images, motion, and sound work together to define the structure and behavior of interactive systems for more effective communication pieces through user experience. Strong evidence of professional achievement and industry experience is preferred.

We value interdisciplinary activities and the ability to interact as a team member across disciplines. Applicants should have awareness of and sensitivity to the educational goals of a multicultural population as might have been gained in cross-cultural study, training, teaching and other comparable experience.

Responsibilities:

Candidate must be able to teach at undergraduate (foundation through advanced) and graduate levels and interact well with colleagues and students in the multidisciplinary Department of Design. The Graphic Designer is expected to initiate or participate in interdisciplinary educational projects. The ability to attract funding and project sponsorship is also expected. Appointee will share undergraduate and graduate student advising, curriculum development and student review responsibilities. Effectiveness in academic assignment and continuing creative and professional activity are required to achieve tenure and promotion. Candidate must address the needs of a student population of great

diversity – in age, cultural background, ethnicity, primary language, and academic background.

Salary Range: Commensurate with qualifications and experience.

Starting Date: August 20, 2012

Eligibility: Employment is contingent upon proof of eligibility to work in the United States.

Application Procedures:

For full consideration send a letter of application, curriculum vitae, statement of teaching interests/philosophy and research plans, 20 examples of work as well as examples of student work (slides, video, CD/DVD). For electronic media, executable Macintosh files, and contact information for at least three references by **January 30, 2012** to:

Chair, Graphic Design Search Committee
Department of Design
San José State University
One Washington Square
San Jose CA 95192-0089

Official transcripts and at least three original letters of reference will be requested at a later date.

Please include Job Opening ID (JOID) on all correspondence.

The Department of Design, with 3 program fields in the areas of Graphic Design, Interior Design, and Industrial Design, is one of the largest programs of its type in the nation. The Department has more than 30 faculty members, 600 undergraduate majors. 10 full-time and over 20 part-time faculty teach in the School supported by thirteen clerical and technical staff. SJSU is an accredited institutional member of the National Association of Schools of Art and Design. San José State University is California's oldest institution of public higher learning. The campus is located on the southern end of San Francisco Bay in downtown San José (Pop. 945,942), hub of the world-famous Silicon Valley high-technology research and development center. Many of California's most popular national, recreational, and cultural attractions are conveniently close. A member of the 23-campus CSU system, San José State University enrolls approximately 29,000 students, a significant percentage of whom are members of minority groups. The University is committed to increasing the diversity of its faculty so our disciplines, students and the community can benefit from multiple ethnic and gender perspectives.

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