

Join the Faculty at Columbia College Chicago



Our diverse faculty are academics and practitioners—industry leaders who live what they teach and inspire students to Shape What's Next.

Columbia's art-splashed urban campus is located in the heart of Chicago, a vibrant city that can be your classroom, your canvas, and your home. At Columbia, we value your expertise in theory and practice. Work alongside award-winning scholars, artists and entrepreneurs and empower students to turn their ideas into creative practice.

We are currently looking for full-time tenured/tenure-track and visiting faculty in the following disciplines:

- Cinema and Television Arts
- Communication
- Dance
- Design
- English and Creative Writing
- Interactive Arts and Media
- Music
- Science and Mathematics
- Theatre

TOP 50

Film Schools
2021
—*Variety*

One of Only 16

accredited colleges that offer BA degrees in ASL-English Interpretation.

TOP 100

Best Fine Arts Graduate Program 2020
—*US News & World Report*

#1

Top 20 Animation and Game Design Schools in the Midwest 2019
—*Animation Career Review*

#1

College for Aspiring Comedians 2019
—*College Magazine*

#2

Music School for Composing for Film and Television 2020
—*The Hollywood Reporter*

Job Description – Full-Time Tenure-track or Tenured Faculty
Design Department
Interior Architecture

Columbia College Chicago actively promotes diversity, equity, and inclusion as vitally important to its present and future success. These principles are essential to the educational experiences of our students, staff, and faculty.

The Design Department of Columbia College Chicago seeks applicants for a **full-time tenure-track or tenured faculty** position in Interior Architecture beginning August 2022.

The primary responsibility of this position is to teach commercial interior architecture/interior design studio coursework in the undergraduate BFA Interior Architecture program and required lecture/seminar courses. Responsibilities include: teaching 3 courses (9 credits) per semester, maintaining an active professional presence, participating in curriculum development, CIDA accreditation activities, and committee service at the department and college level.

Applicants must hold a terminal degree with at least one degree in Interior Design or Interior Architecture, and NCIDQ certification. Applicants should have previous teaching experience, demonstrated excellence in teaching design studio courses and in courses related to their specific expertise within the professional interior architecture curriculum. The ability to unite industry standards with program coursework and the ability to teach all levels of undergraduate students is required. The successful candidate is expected to integrate innovative pedagogical and technological approaches, while incorporating a diverse approach to the study of design histories, customs, and traditions of the interior environment.

In addition to expertise in their field, successful candidates must exhibit excellent teaching and scholarly credentials, demonstrate the ability to foster a welcoming, equitable environment, and be passionate about undergraduate and graduate education. Preference will be given to candidates who have research and/or teaching experience in the African, Asian, Latinx, or Indigenous Diasporas.

The Design Department has approximately 700 majors, 16 full time faculty, over 60 adjunct faculty, and 14 staff. The Department offers BA degrees in Graphic Design, and Illustration, and BFA degrees in Illustration, Graphic Design, and Interior Architecture. The Interior Architecture program is accredited by the Council for Interior Design Accreditation (CIDA). It is housed within the school of Fine and Performing Arts which is Columbia College Chicago's largest school.

The **School of Fine and Performing Arts (SFPA)** houses academic programs in visual arts, performing arts, and business, entrepreneurship, and marketing. Home to more than 110 full-time faculty and over 3,000 students, the SFPA community is deeply committed to rigorous exploration of a wide range of artistic practices and economies, within an inclusive curriculum characterized by a strong focus on a diversity of contemporary styles and current industry trends. Across SFPA, we challenge the next generation of artists, scholars, managers, performers, designers, makers, and entrepreneurs to master the skills and interrogate the

foundations of their creative disciplines; imagine new futures; and contribute to the vibrant arts communities of Chicago and beyond.

Duties & Responsibilities

- Teach at the undergraduate and, as appropriate, at the graduate level in areas assigned by the Department Chair.
- Engage with the broader scholarly and professional communities.
- Supervise and mentor students.
- Contribute to the development, planning and implementation of a high-quality, inclusive curriculum consistent with the Columbia College Chicago commitment to equity and social justice.
- Commit to continuing professional development.
- Provide service to the college, profession, and community.
- Actively follow and promote Columbia College Chicago policies.

We seek individuals with a demonstrated ability to work with students from a wide range of social and cultural backgrounds, and whose creative, scholarly and/or professional work aligns with our commitment to dismantling systems of privilege and oppression. All faculty members are expected to advance the College's DEI mission. For more information on the office of Academic Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion please visit: colum.edu/diversity.

Required Qualifications

- MFA, Doctorate or other terminal degree in Interior Design or related field.
- NCIDQ certification in hand or in progress, to be completed within one year of appointment.
- Experience with CIDA Accreditation preparation
- Proficiency with industry standard software programs.
- Ability to teach a range of design studio courses.
- Commitment to engaging with best practice initiatives in instruction and pedagogy, mentoring, curriculum design and development.
- Commitment to advancing a growing scholarship agenda and research/creative activities appropriate to the discipline.
- Additional Required Qualification for appointment as Associate Professor:
 - Minimum of 5 years full-time college/university teaching experience at the Assistant Professor level is required for the rank of Associate Professor, along with a strong record of research and service, with publications and presentations in professional venues.
- Additional Required Qualifications for appointment as Professor:
 - Minimum of 5 years full-time college/university teaching experience at the Associate Professor level is required for the rank of Professor, along with a strong record of research and service, with substantial publications and presentations in professional venues.

Desired Qualifications

- Professional experience and college teaching experience are highly desirable.
- Experience with and evidence of commitment to the development of inclusive curriculum consistent with the Columbia College Chicago commitment to equity and social justice.
- Knowledge of interior design-related computer programs including 3DS Max, 20/20, Lumion, virtual reality and augmented reality.
- Knowledge of/experience with digital technologies such as CNC, laser cutter, 3-d printing, BMI/point cloud, (e.g., Matterport, etc.), IoT, wearable tech and smart home systems.
- Certifications in addition to NCIDQ such as LEED AP, EDAC, and/or WELL.
- Demonstrated performance in innovation through teaching, research and/or practice.
- Experience with teaching online.
- Engagement with the interior design profession, including commercial interiors experience.
- Experience with community engagement initiatives.
- Full-time undergraduate teaching experience in CIDA Accredited interiors program.
- Evidence of, or potential for, program administration.
- Ability to engage issues of equity, affordable accommodations, and community-based design processes, and to promote diversity through a global perspective and locally sensitive design processes.
- A demonstrated specialization in one or more of the following areas: studio education; professional practice; design culture, history, and theory; design thinking and visualization (digital and manual); experience design; fabrication and furniture design, codes, and standards; evidence-based design; universal design; social justice design, design psychology, ergonomics, and human factors.

Application

To apply for this position, submit the following materials [online](#):

- A letter outlining the applicant's background, qualifications, and vision for the position.
- A curriculum vitae.
- Portfolio demonstrating candidates past work, both professional and personal (up to 20 images), and student work (up to 20 images)
- An [Evidence of Inclusive Excellence Statement](#) describing actions you have taken to support and advance diversity, equity, access and inclusion in service, teaching, or research/creative activity. Please be succinct with your response.
- Contact information for three references. References will not be contacted without prior consultation with the applicant.

**Review of applications will begin immediately and continue until the position is filled.
For best consideration, apply by April 4, 2022.**

This job description is not designed to cover or contain a comprehensive listing of activities, duties, or responsibilities required of the employee and is subject to change based on the needs of the department and/or college.

About the College

Columbia College Chicago is a private not-for-profit college for creatives serving nearly 7,000 undergraduate and graduate students. Columbia College is accredited by The Higher Learning Commission. Located in downtown Chicago's South Loop, the College is centered in one of the world's most lively urban cultural areas. Its many competitive advantages include its strong reputation in the creative industries, outstanding faculty and passionate students, impressive technological and physical resources, and a sincere commitment to bringing diverse voices and experiences into proximity with each other to shape new forms of creative practice.

At Columbia, we offer a rewarding work environment for our faculty and staff. We take pride in offering competitive benefits with affordable health, dental and vision coverage; flexible spending accounts; commuter benefit program, life, and accidental, death & dismemberment coverage; paid and unpaid leave options; work/life benefits; educational assistance programs; and retirement and financial planning benefits.

We invite you to join our talented faculty and staff and become part of our collective aspiration to ensure Columbia prepares students for success in their creative fields through innovation, engagement and real-world experiences.

Additional Information

- Position subject to a background screening.
- This is a non-union position.
- This position is overtime exempt.

Columbia College Chicago is an equal opportunity employer and complies with all local, state, and federal laws and regulations concerning civil rights. The college does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national or ethnic origin, age, disability, protected veteran status, genetic information, or other protected classes under the law.

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