

**Full-Time Faculty/Program Director of Photography
Department of Fine Arts
Otis College of Art and Design**

DESCRIPTION: Otis College of Art and Design invites applications for a full-time faculty appointment in Photography. The successful candidate will also serve as Program Director for the Photography area in Fine Arts. This position reports to the Chair of the undergraduate Fine Arts Department. Otis College of Art and Design does not grant faculty tenure; hence this is an annual full-time faculty appointment, subject to renewal based on an annual performance review.

RESPONSIBILITIES: Otis College seeks a full-time faculty member with both demonstrated teaching effectiveness in the field of fine arts photography and professional standing as an artist in the contemporary art community. A familiarity with editorial photography in particular, fashion editorial and photojournalism, is also beneficial. Candidates must demonstrate an interest and ability to work creatively and effectively with a very diverse student body as part of a team of professional artist/educators.

This position requires full-time teaching responsibilities, and the undertaking each semester of technical duties, including, but not limited to monitoring the use of sophisticated photography equipment and when necessary the ordering of supplies. Ideally, the candidate would be someone who understands both the medium's relationship to Fine Art and the relevant Design fields, such as Fashion and Graphic Design. The Photography Program is a vital part of the Fine Arts department and the candidate would work closely with the Program Directors in Painting and Sculpture/New Genre and ultimately report directly to the Chair of Fine Arts.

The position also includes administrative duties pertaining to the successful running of a program. These include, but are not limited to: working with the department chair and fellow program directors to help define the vision of the Fine Arts curriculum; the recruitment and evaluation of faculty teaching within the Photography program; the effective supervision of any teaching assistants or other staff working for the program; regular monitoring of the approved area budget; active participation in the governance of the Fine Arts Department and of the College as a whole.

QUALIFICATIONS: The successful candidate will have a relevant MFA degree and a minimum of 3 years experience in full-time college-level teaching. Candidates must also demonstrate their interest in, and ability to provide successful administrative leadership and management of an academic program.

DEPARTMENT: The Fine Arts Department teaches the technical, theoretical, professional, critical, and personal skills necessary to sustain oneself as an artist. For further information on Otis College of Art and Design and the Fine Arts Department, please go to: www.otis.edu.

COLLEGE: Otis College of Art and Design has been a national leader in art and design education for the past 90 years. Founded in 1918, Otis offers an interdisciplinary education for artists and designers that prepares them to be versatile and thoughtful practitioners with an informed perspective of the world they will be entering. Otis is the oldest art school in Los Angeles and started when *Los Angeles Times* founder and editor Harrison Gray Otis bequeathed his property in MacArthur Park to create an art institute. Today, Otis offers programming on its main Goldsmith Campus in Westchester and at three satellite departments, all located on the west side within a 10-mile radius of each other. The College offers state-of-the-art facilities for its seven undergraduate departments: Architecture/Landscape/Interiors, Communication Arts, Digital Media, Fashion Design, Fine Arts, Product Design and Toy Design; and its four graduate MFA programs: Fine Arts, Graphic Design, Public Practice and Writing. Otis is a diverse population with students from thirty-nine states and twenty-six countries. The College mission is to prepare diverse students of art and design to enrich our world through their creativity, their skill and their vision. Further information is available at: www.otis.edu.

APPLICATIONS: Competitive compensation and benefits. The preferred starting date for this position is July 1, 2010. Review of applications will begin April 1, 2010 and continue until an appointment is made. Send letter of application with a statement of educational philosophy, resume, and appropriate evidence of professional activity (please include a stamped, self-addressed envelope for the return of these materials); also include the names, phone numbers and email addresses of at least three professional references. Mail completed applications to:

**Search Committee, Program Director of Photography
Attention: Fine Arts Department
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