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The School of Design at Carnegie Mellon University is inviting applications for a tenure-track faculty position in Communication Design, starting in Fall 2010.

At Carnegie Mellon's School of Design, we believe design to be a humanistic discipline—initiating, planning, and shaping products, ideas, and services that meet the needs and desires of people. We believe that design will help people shape a responsible world that values the quality of human life in balance with a healthy and sustainable planet. We build on the humanistic, scientific, and creative strengths of Carnegie Mellon as a leading research university to seek, identify, engage, and address new problems as they emerge.

The person filling this position must be able to work effectively with undergraduate and graduate students, faculty, and staff of the school and university. The candidate must demonstrate excellent communication design and typography skills, with an understanding of their influence in both digital and print formats. The ideal candidate will bring to the position strong professional skills in designing and developing digitally-mediated environments that enable rich, interactive, and social experiences. Demonstration of creative thinking in the design of content that responds, changes, and adapts over time, based on different contexts or the actions of participants is essential. Evidence of a rapid, exploratory ideation process that appropriately utilizes physical and/or digital media to weave together critical thinking and problem solving is vital.

Excellence in design may be demonstrated through a proven track record of teaching, researching, and practicing communication design. This position is at the rank of assistant professor.

Within our school, we are 15 design educators working with 50 graduate and 180 undergraduate students. We actively collaborate with industry, work with other units on campus, and focus energy on educating future designers who see design as a means of asking broad questions, solving problems, and advancing design thinking, practice, and scholarship.

Review of applications begins January 15, 2010 and will continue until the position is filled. The optimal start date is August 1, 2010.

Interested candidates should submit: A statement of interest; samples of teaching, research, and/or professional activities; current curriculum vitae; and names of three references with contact information.

Mail your package to:
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The School of Design offers BFA degrees in Industrial Design and in Communication Design. We offer Master of Design programs in Interaction Design and in Communication Planning and Information Design; a Master of Product Development, and a Ph.D. in Design. We have formal degree arrangements and strong relationships with many units on campus, including the departments of English and Mechanical Engineering, the Tepper School of Business, and the Human Computer Interaction Institute. For more information, visit us at www.design.cmu.edu. Carnegie Mellon University is an affirmative action/equal opportunity employer.