

Position Description

**Portland State University
Department of Architecture**

Faculty Position	Assistant or Associate Professor in Architectural Design and Digital Media Tenure-Track Position – 1.0 FTE
Context	<p>Portland State University offers a four-year undergraduate degree with a major in architecture and has recently added a Master of Architecture degree to its offerings. The program entered candidacy status for professional accreditation with NAAB in July 2008 and the university has committed to adding new faculty in response to this opportunity to shape and substantiate the pedagogic direction and research base of graduate level studies.</p> <p>The educational emphasis of the department recognizes the value of creative engagement with the prevailing realities of the city as a primary means of cultural transformation, and perceives Portland as an ‘urban laboratory’ for experimental investigations of contemporary human issues. This takes place through interaction and dialogue with the communities at large and by continual acts of theoretical exploration combined with interpretive making with diverse media at multiple scales, including full-size fabrication.</p>
Teaching	The successful candidate will be expected to collaborate with faculty colleagues in guiding the development of departmental courses and programs in digital media. They will teach design studio, lecture and seminar core courses and electives at all levels of the program. Applicants should have recognized effectiveness in teaching demonstrating an imaginative attitude towards pedagogic innovation.
Research/Creative Work	The candidate is required to pursue research in digital media and digital technology. Scholarly publication and/or creative output in this area are expected in accordance with the mission of the department.
Additional Responsibilities	The candidate’s general departmental duties include active participation in the continuing pedagogic development of the program and curriculum, especially design and digital technology; student advising; and service on administrative committees at department, school and university levels. The pursuit of a close working relationship with the Portland architectural professional community is expected.
Qualifications	Candidates will have, at minimum, a Master’s degree in Architecture, at least three years in teaching, and experience in architectural practice and/or research that demonstrates a critical attitude in the design and production of architecture. Specific areas of expertise may include digital modeling, animation, rendering, milling and a speculative approach to digital possibilities.
Salary	Commensurate with experience.