

Director of Interior Architecture, Assistant or Associate Professor

Interior Architecture, Tenure-Track

Description

The Gerald D. Hines College of Architecture and Design at the University of Houston seeks applications and nominations for a creative, collaborative, and motivated leader to serve as the Director of Interior Architecture.

Candidates will be considered for a full-time, tenure-track design position at the rank of Assistant/Associate Professor, and will be expected to demonstrate a broad understanding of the discipline of Interior Architecture, as well as offer exceptional teaching, research, and leadership abilities and experience. We encourage candidates with multidisciplinary interests and expertise to apply.

The Gerald D. Hines College of Architecture and Design offers its students and faculty a platform of integrated disciplines—Architecture, Interior Architecture, and Industrial Design—that work together to negotiate the complexities of contemporary design practice, making extensive use of our state-of-the-art digital and fabrication facilities. Situated in the heart of one of the most diverse and fast-growing cities in the United States, our College promotes the idea of the city as a laboratory for research, where design is considered a form of critical thinking, calling forth innovative solutions for contemporary conditions.

Interior Architecture at UH

The discourse of Architecture at the scale of the *interior* is undergoing unprecedented change. Emerging as a specialization within the profession, *Interior Architecture* engages trans-disciplinary knowledge within a new and blended territory. The Interior Architecture program at the Gerald D. Hines College of Architecture and Design investigates the discipline by positioning our program in the re-use, adaptation, and transformation of existing buildings to address the linked past/present/future of space. Poised at the intersection of architecture, conservation, spatial design, and social agency --the trans-disciplinary nature of our curriculum offers students an extraordinary education where innovation, technology, and the art of 'making' converge. Our program focuses on the technological, material, ecological, and social promise of Interior Architecture in course work, design-research, design-build, digital fabrication seminars, workshops, community outreach, publications, and exhibitions. We are the founder and publisher of the *International Journal of Interior Architecture and Spatial Design* (ii).

Responsibilities

We are searching for a leader who values collaboration, scholarship, and 'making' with an ability to direct the multiple initiatives of the Interior Architecture program while pursuing and promoting research and design excellence. As an established program at the Gerald D. Hines College of Architecture and Design which has been gaining increased recognition, this role offers candidates an opportunity to advance the development and stewardship of creative curriculums and methodologies which will continue to place our program at the forefront of discourse in Interior Architecture. Recognizing and expanding upon our strengths, candidates will be expected to continue the ongoing development of the identity of the program, building on its growing momentum and existing foundations. The promotion of the program, interfacing with and nurturing relationships with design professionals and the community, securing grants and funding sources, and mentoring junior faculty in Interior Architecture are expected to be among the primary duties of the Director. In addition to leadership and service contributions, successful candidates will teach design studios, conduct seminars and/or lecture courses, and apply their research expertise to other programs and initiatives within the Gerald D. Hines College of Architecture and Design and the University. Responsibilities will include addressing and facilitating an array of courses, workshops, and

studios requiring the integration of analog processes with digital visualization and fabrication skills. Pursuing opportunities to partner with various community organizations and college research centers is expected, as a continuation of the previous successful initiatives of the Interior Architecture program. Accreditation for the Interior Architecture program at UH by the Council of Interior Design Accreditation (CIDA) is an immediate goal of the College of Architecture and Design, and candidate knowledge and experience in the accreditation process will be valued. The Director of Interior Architecture will be a primary administrator and contributor to both the Advanced Spatial Design (ASD) research group and the *International Journal of Interior Architecture & Spatial Design*—published by the University of Houston Atrium Press.

Qualifications

Qualified candidates must hold at least one degree in Architecture at the graduate or undergraduate level. Candidates must hold a Master's degree or PhD in a design-related field, and preference will be given to those with advanced degrees. Experience must be demonstrated with an exemplary and extensive record of leadership, professional practice, scholarship, publications, and teaching recognized at the national and international level. Candidates must demonstrate an awareness of contemporary design issues, superior design and representational skills, and clarity in communication with openness to collaboration. Candidates with a strong commitment to innovative teaching practices, cultural awareness, advanced visualization, digital fabrication, critical practice, theoretical scholarship, as well as various specializations including but not limited to sustainability, preservation, materials research, furniture, lighting, acoustics, and exhibition design are encouraged to apply. Rank and salary will be commensurate with qualifications and experience.

Application Process

Submit application to: <http://jobs.uh.edu/postings/27891>

Only electronic applications will be accepted. Applicants should provide the following: a letter of intent responding to the outlined duties and qualifications, curriculum vitae, work and publication samples with candidate's role or responsibility indicated, and contact information for three references.

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For further information or questions please contact: Ziad Qureshi, Interior Architecture Search Committee Chair at zqureshi@central.uh.edu

Rank and salary will be appropriate to qualifications. Application review will begin January 15, 2016 and will continue until the position is filled. The successful applicant is expected to start August 2016. For more information about the Gerald D. Hines College of Architecture and Design and the Interior Architecture program, please visit:

www.arch.uh.edu / www.advancedspatialdesign.org / www.ijournal.org

The University of Houston is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action employer and is strongly and actively committed to diversity within its community. Women, minorities, veterans, and persons with disabilities are encouraged to apply.