

Fashion Design Full Time Faculty

Academic Year 2021–2022
Bachelor of Design BDes



DIDI is seeking full-time faculty who will contribute to rethinking the way fashion design is traditionally taught.

The Dubai Institute of Design and Innovation (DIDI) is a world-class design university located in the Dubai Design District. Interdisciplinary design education is at the core of DIDI's mission, with an innovative curriculum developed in collaboration with the MIT School of Architecture and Urban Planning and Parsons the New School. Each DIDI student pairs two of DIDI's design disciplines—Product, Multimedia, Fashion, and Strategy—to create their own cross-concentration.

At DIDI, **Fashion Design** focuses on designing artefacts for the body, rethinking the fashion industry using new approaches to achieve innovative, sustainable, and responsible design solutions for now and the future. Successful candidates will be forward looking and responsible for delivering engaging and transdisciplinary course content. Teaching involves engaged, hands-on studios, applied workshops, and lectures in fashion design that intersect with fields such as sustainability, ethics, biomaterials, and additive manufacturing.

DIDI is interested in subject specialists, especially individuals who defy categorization because of their ability to work across different disciplines. A good understanding of how design bridges between rapid technological advances and disruptive strategic forces is a must.

REQUIREMENTS

The teaching load is estimated at twelve credits per semester, including teaching studio, workshop, and lecture. The role also includes advising and mentoring students, research, and supporting the university in building the program. In addition, DIDI seeks the following proficiencies, professionalism, and passion.

Passion

- Passion and drive for teaching and a willingness to contribute to a nourishing academic environment, to create a more caring, inclusive, and sustainable future—by design.
- Ability to stimulate and inspire students with engaging, critical, and empowering pedagogic approaches.
- Keen interest to work in a collaborative environment, build a team at a relatively new university, and ability to be flexible and adaptive and see opportunity in challenge.

Professionalism

- A PhD or terminal degree in a field related to fashion design.
- A minimum of five years teaching experience in higher education, supported by a portfolio of high-quality student work.
- A minimum of three years professional experience in design practice and research, supported by a portfolio of design projects.
- Experience with conceptual design methods involving critical theory, such as critical or speculative design.
- Experience with traditional and emergent approaches, including digital fashion design software and 3D fabrication for fashion is desirable.

Proficiencies

- **Challenging**→ Develop critical, conceptual, and progressive approaches that radically rethink the industry on an ethical and semiotic level.
- **Core**→ Apply ethical design principles to the body, senses, and tactility, with a socially and environmentally, sustainable, and research-based approach.



→ **Conventional**→ Teach the basics fashion history, culture, and theory with a focus on user-centered fashion design and art direction, including drawing, visualization, and digital skills, as well as pattern cutting, draping, garment construction, mastering of machines, tools, fabrics, and materials.

Start date is July 2021. Remuneration is commensurate with degree and experience. Applications for Associate Professor, Assistant Professor, or Lecturer will be reviewed on a rolling basis until vacancies are filled. Please submit a CV, cover letter, three referees, and a single PDF portfolio showing professional and academic work to **employment@didi.ae**.