

ARCHITECTURAL URBANISM (1-2 positions)

A search is open for one or two faculty positions in architectural urbanism at the rank of assistant professor, associate professor without tenure, or associate professor with tenure.

At this very moment, the Department of Architecture is searching for colleagues with a demonstrable talent and passion for the making and teaching of an architectural approach about problems of contemporary urban development, as well as the capacity to work within a vigorous research environment. The creation of a new Center for Advanced Urbanism displays growing focus within the School of Architecture and Planning at MIT on design culture in relation to urbanism.

Dedicated to a humanistic and technologically sophisticated vision of design, MIT's department of Architecture is uniquely positioned in a larger institution that strongly supports innovation and entrepreneurial activity. The structure of the Department of Architecture itself is unique in that each of the five disciplines (Design, History Theory & Criticism, Building Technology, Visual Arts, Computation) work at equal intensity throughout the department, creating an environment in which depth of knowledge and innovative research and scholarship fuse with the pedagogical agendas of the studios and ongoing design inquiry. Given this context, the Department of Architecture is explicitly committed to excellence in both pedagogical and research activities.

Urbanism faculty are part of the design faculty group, and will be expected to contribute to both studio culture in the graduate and urbanism postgraduate degree programs, as well as to initiate cutting-edge collaborative research in the Center for Advanced Urbanism. Collaboration with colleagues in urban planning, as well as in engineering and other adjacent fields, will be welcomed. Believing that such an intersection creates a charged atmosphere for study and a critical edge for research, we seek candidates with an ability to thrive within this context. We seek candidates also with the character and energy to participate in the intellectual life of the department.

Primary criteria for the position are proven excellence in the field of architectural design, urban design, and the design of infrastructures with experience in teaching design studios and strong promise of significant creative achievement in the field through design work, design inquiry, professional practice, or a combination thereof. Special emphasis will be given to candidates capable of translating their design positions and work into theoretical and historical scholarship. Beyond the development of the design curriculum, candidates should be able to demonstrate the potential to make a contribution to the development of histories and theories of urban projects. Collaboration with peers in adjacent fields, particularly in the urban planning department, will be encouraged and a track record of a history of cross-disciplinary collaboration will be considered as helpful.

Application requirements: Initial screening is based on letter of interest that includes a list of three current references with complete contact information, curriculum vitae, and a ten-page 8-1/2x11 hardcopy non-returnable portfolio of design work. We will begin reviewing applications April 15, 2013 with the intention of hiring for September 2013.

Please indicate in your letter of interest the position for which you are applying and send all materials to: Chair, Architectural Urbanism Search Committee, MIT Department of Architecture, Room 7-337, 77 Massachusetts Ave, Cambridge, MA 02139

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