

Massachusetts Institute of Technology

School of Architecture and Planning
Department of Urban Studies and Planning

Tenure Track Faculty Position in Urban Design and Public Policy

The Department of Urban Studies and Planning, School of Architecture and Planning, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, seeks applicants for a tenure-track Faculty position in: Urban Design and Public Policy

The Position: A full-time tenure-track appointment at the assistant or associate (not tenured) professor level, commensurate with the candidate's qualifications.

Background: Over the past decades the Department of Urban Studies and Planning (DUSP) has pursued a strong research agenda focused on the design of cities and public policy. We are especially interested in questions such as: How do public policies and government interventions affect the form and function of cities? Which interventions are likely to produce high quality urban design, and under what circumstances? The question of how "success" and "failure" of urban design should be defined and by whom continues to drive our inquiry and teaching. We are searching for candidates who can build on and extend this agenda through research and professional practice at the intersection between urban design, implementation and public policy. We have a strong commitment to interdisciplinary endeavors as well as to local, national and international engagement.

Job Description and Qualifications: The Department is looking for a full-time faculty member to teach and conduct research in the field of urban design as it relates to public policy and design practice. The successful candidate will have both a scholarly and an applied orientation toward urban design and public policy and be well-grounded in the theory and practice of development in the urban context. Applicants should have the background necessary to teach graduate level studios as well seminars and lectures. We are especially interested in candidates that can teach a course in urban design policy and implementation, a research methods course related to urban design, and an advanced course pertinent to their own research focus within the area of city design. Candidates should be able to link her/his research agenda in City Design and Development to one or more of the department's other research clusters-- Housing, Community, and Economic Development; Environmental Policy and Planning; International Development, Transportation Planning, Urban Information Systems and Regional Planning. The successful candidate will be able to communicate and work with students from numerous disciplinary backgrounds including architecture, engineering, science and humanities.

Successful candidates are expected to have a Ph.D. or a professional degree in their field with a track record and evidence of high quality professional and/or scholarly work.

Applicants must send: 1) a letter describing practice, research and teaching interests – including a short descriptions of one or two subjects that you would propose to teach, 2) a curriculum vita, 3) samples of published scholarly work; and/or examples of consulting work; and (4) contact information for three references (please provide name, title, address, telephone number, and e-mail) to:

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Review of applications will begin on January 2, 2009 and continue until the position is filled. The appointment is intended to begin in the Fall of 2009.

MIT is especially interested in candidates who can contribute to the diversity and excellence of the academic community through their research, teaching and/or practice and public service. Dedicated to building a culturally diverse and pluralistic faculty, MIT strongly encourages applications from under-represented minorities and women. MIT is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer.