



## Department of Art

The Department of Art invites applications for a Department Chair. The search comes at an exciting time, as the Board of Trustees has approved the re-establishment of the College of Fine Arts. We seek outstanding applicants with a demonstrated track record of excellence in research, visual arts and visual culture, and teaching to lead the Department into the next chapter of growth and impact. The Chair is responsible for the administration of the Department, including budget management, advising, fundraising, recruitment, and facilities management. The position is at the rank of Full Professor, or the candidate must possess the qualifications of an Associate Professor with tenure and time in service to be appointed at the rank of Full Professor. The position is a 12-month appointment with a three-year term. The salary is competitive and commensurate with qualifications and experience. Like other faculty members in the department, the Chair is expected to be an artist and/or visual arts' scholar engaged in visual art productions and/or scholarship, devoted to excellence in teaching and learning, and committed to professional development and service. The candidate is expected to have experience with, or interest in, working in diverse academic, artistic, and professional communities with special emphasis on African American and African Diasporic communities. The ability to make contributions to the work environment in the Department, College, and University are expected as well as a strong orientation to recruiting, advising, retaining, and mentoring qualified students and junior faculty, along with an active senior faculty.

Howard University, a culturally diverse, comprehensive, research intensive and historically Black private university, provides an educational experience of exceptional quality at the undergraduate, graduate, and professional levels to students of high academic standing and potential, with particular emphasis upon educational opportunities for Black students. Howard University is classified as a Doctoral University: Higher Research Activity research by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching. It is a residential campus of approximately 10,000 students located in the heart of the nation's capital, Washington, DC.

The Department is NASAD accredited and consists of 21 tenured, tenure-track and adjunct faculty members. It offers the B.A., B.F.A. and M.F.A. degrees with concentrations in Art History, Ceramics, Fashion Design, Graphic Design, Interior Design, Electronic Studio, Painting, Photography, and Sculpture.

### Required Qualifications:

- M.F.A. or Ph.D. in one of, or a combination of, any of the concentration areas offered by the Department.
- Knowledge/experience and critical appreciation of all areas and concentrations offered by the Department.
- Record of creative works and/or scholarship, teaching, professional development, and service commensurate with the rank of Associate Professor or Full Professor.
- Evidence of administrative experience.
- Effective communication and organizational skills.
- Experience in the development and management of academic programs in the visual arts.
- Collaborative leadership style with an appreciation for the principles of shared governance.
- Evidence of successful engagement with the artistic community outside of the University.

- Evidence of successful grant writing/fundraising experience in the visual arts.
- Ability to promote a healthy and creative environment among faculty, staff, and students.

**Preferred Qualifications:**

- Substantial record of visual arts experience in art practice or art history.
- National recognition for creative and/or scholarly expertise.

**Complete applications consist of a single PDF file containing:**

- 1) Cover letter addressing qualifications listed above;
- 2) Current curriculum vita;
- 3) Statement of creative research accomplishments, interests and future plans, with samples or URL of creative work/ research;
- 4) Statement of teaching experience and philosophy; and
- 5) Names and contact information for at least three references who will provide letters upon request from the search committee.

Applications should be addressed to the Chair of the search committee and submitted electronically to [artchairsearch@howard.edu](mailto:artchairsearch@howard.edu). Screening will begin on April 19, 2019 and continue until the position is filled. The desired starting date is July 1, 2019.

Howard University is an Equal Opportunity/Equal Access/Affirmative Action employer fully committed to achieving a diverse workforce. All individuals, including minorities, women, individuals with disabilities, and protected veterans are encouraged to apply.