NEW MEXICO HIGHLANDS UNIVERSITY SEEK A PROFESSIONAL DESIGNER/EDUCATOR FOR AN ASSISTANT/ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF GRAPHIC DESIGN/VISUAL COMMUNICATIONS

**Highlands** is an open admissions university with over 70% Hispanic, Native American, or African American students and nearly 40% studying at the master’s degree level. The university is committed to student success and improved retention and graduation rates. NMHU serves approximately 2,500 undergraduate and graduate students at the main campus in Las Vegas, NM (one hour east of Santa Fe) and another 1,300 students at centers in Rio Rancho, Albuquerque, Santa Fe, Espanola, Farmington, and Raton. The university enrolls students from 42 states, 19 tribes, and 35 foreign countries. For more information about the university, visit the website at [www.nmhu.edu](http://www.nmhu.edu).

The Department of Media Arts & Technology offers a BFA concentration in areas of visual communication, video, photography and interactivity and a BA and minor in Media Arts. We also offer an advanced MA degree. The mission of the department is to foster experimentation, professionalism and collaboration. The department is currently building a new state-of-the-art facility for occupancy in 2016.

Applications are invited for a **nine month**, tenure-track faculty position with a contract starting **August 2015**.

**JOB DUTIES:** In addition to teaching, the selected candidate will be expected to serve on departmental and university committees, assist with department and university brand, image and marketing and help students with professional networking through AIGA and other organizations and direct experiential and service-learning endeavors such as public service and university service design. The ideal candidate will have complementary competencies in some of the following areas: project management, business development, exhibition design and/or distance education.

The selected candidate must have proficiencies with and abilities to teach students about professional-quality conceptual process for developing ideas, creative methodologies for problem solving as well as software and hardware. They will teach 12 credits per semester in an academic year, including: Typography; Publication Design; Graphics and Meaning; Color Theory; Design for the Web; Digital Imaging; Branding and Visual Concepts (2D design). We seek a colleague who enjoys teaching and advising graduates and undergraduates, is collaborative and collegial, and is willing to further shape and develop the Visual Communication emphasis as a team member within a broad program of Media Arts (team work is essential). We welcome innovation and creativity in teaching methods and educational philosophy. Typical class sizes are 15 students in fully equipped Mac labs and traditional studio classrooms.

**MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:** MFA or equivalent. Three (3) years of professional experience as a practicing designer. Teaching experience is PREFERRED.

While no deadline has been established, review of applications will begin **Monday, November 17, 2014**.

**Minimum Salary:** Assistant - $48,000 Associate - $53,452

**APPLICATION PROCEDURE:** A complete application must include 1) a letter of interest, 2) curriculum vita, 3) unofficial copies of advanced degree transcripts, 4) names/address/phone numbers of 3 professional references, 4) samples of course outlines, assignment briefs, grading rubrics for assignments and research projects, samples of student evaluations, published design samples in Communication Arts, Print, Archive, Graphis or other design journals and articles or reviews, links to personal and student design work showing a minimum of 20 personal and 20 student samples.

Required application materials should be sent to: [jobs@nmhu.edu](mailto:jobs@nmhu.edu)

References will be contacted in conjunction with on campus interview and official transcripts should be requested upon acceptance of the on campus interview. For more detailed information regarding the position you may contact Miriam Langer at [mlanger@nmhu.edu](mailto:mlanger@nmhu.edu).

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