Position Announcement

Professor and Chair
Department of Merchandising and Digital Retailing

The Department of Merchandising and Digital Retailing in the College of Merchandising, Hospitality and Tourism at the University of North Texas is accepting applications for a 12-month, tenured appointment at the rank of Professor for the position of Department Chair with a start date of September 1, 2016; a January 1, 2016 start date may be possible.

We seek a dynamic Leader-Scholar to move this award-winning department to its next level of academic and research excellence. With program and research foci on retailing, merchandising, digital retailing, and consumer behavior, the department is a pioneer in preparing students to recognize the power of consumer experiences and digital engagement as disruptors to 21st century retail industry. The MDR Chair reports to the Dean of the College and serves as the department’s chief administrative and academic leader.

Responsibilities

- Provide visionary leadership characterized by mentoring, collaboration and team building.
- Develop and advance innovative programs with strong practitioner-researcher emphases.
- Maintain department oversight including strategic planning; budget development, management and allocation; recruitment and retention of faculty, students, and staff; supervision of staff and student employees; and evaluate faculty and staff performance for merit, promotions, and awards.
- Serve on the CMHT Administrative Council; CMHT Graduate Faculty; and CMHT committees.
- Collaborate with the Senior Director of the Global Digital Retailing Research Center to promote faculty and student research initiatives and to plan industry and scholar programs.
- Promote faculty and student research; mentor junior faculty and graduate students in research.
- Interact with other UNT department and university leadership to represent the vision and goals of the department and college.
- Facilitate existing as well as develop new collaborative relationships with U.S. and international universities and industry partners.
Required

Ph.D. with tenure in retail, merchandising or digital fields or closely aligned field at the rank of Professor; may consider an associate professor who qualifies for rank of Professor upon hire at UNT.

Leadership characterized by mentoring, collaboration and team building.

Excellent record of accomplishments in teaching, research and service.

Evidence of an advancing research stream and continuing dissemination of scholarly work.

Work experience in retailing, merchandising or digital environments, or a closely aligned area.

Value and be energized by working in an environment of highly diverse students, faculty and staff.

Excellent communication and interpersonal skills.

Successful mentoring of graduate student research.

Preferred

Recipient of externally funded research grants.

Experience working in a Ph.D. program and mentoring doctoral students.

Experience working in interdisciplinary or multidisciplinary projects, programs, departments, etc.

Participation in faculty and/or staff performance evaluations.

Involvement in developing innovative academic programs.

Experience in developing and sustaining industry relationships.

Involvement in international experiences.

To Apply: Go to facultyjobs@unt.edu and follow procedure outlined on the website

Application Deadline: Screening will begin on September 15, 2015 and continue until search is closed.

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