



UNIVERSITETET I BERGEN

**University of
Bergen**
Faculty of Fine Art,
Music and Design

The University of Bergen (UiB) is an internationally recognised research university with more than 14,000 students and close to 3,500 employees at six faculties. The university is located in the heart of Bergen. Our main contribution to society is excellent basic research and education across a wide range of disciplines.

Professor/Associate (50%) in design with an emphasis on form

A position is available in the Department of Design at the Faculty of Fine Art, Music and Design (KMD) as Professor/Associate (50%) in design with an emphasis on form for a fixed term of six years. Appointment preferably starting from 1 August 2018.

KMD is a powerhouse for artistic development, scientific research and education, founded on long traditions in art, music and design education in Bergen.

The faculty has about 600 students and 180 employees. The Faculty comprises three departments (art, music and design) with a joint administration.

The department has research fellows affiliated with the Norwegian Artistic Research Programme (PKU) and UiB's PhD programme. UiB is also working to establish an Artistic PhD programme that will involve a further bolstering of the research environment in the Faculty.

The academic environments for art and design are located in a new building designed especially for Snøhetta activity. The University of Bergen is working to establish a building for the Grieg Academy, the Department of Music in the neighbouring area of Møllendal.

KMD cooperates with prominent local, national and international institutions.

Form has a central place in the department's study programme, which encompasses visual communication and furniture and spatial design/interior architecture. The programme emphasises development of aesthetic/visual forms of expression through experimentation in a diversity of traditional and new techniques and materials. Work will be done with a broad range of representations, including everything from physical models to digital simulations.

Responsibilities and field of research

We are looking for a professor/associate in design with an emphasis on form. The position will contribute towards seeing theoretical and practical approaches in context, and towards developing competence in form and form-related issues.

The successful applicant must:

- Have extensive experience from his/her own work with two- and three-dimensional form in a design context
- Have theoretical knowledge and analytical skills associated with form and aesthetics across media and materials
- Be knowledgeable of international currents in the field and have a relevant network
- Applicants must have experience with artistic development work and integrate this into his/her practical teaching
- Have good organisational capabilities, competence in project management and the goal of developing major research projects associated with the field
- Have the ability to engage others and inspire to research
- Be motivated and qualified to work in interdisciplinary academic contexts.
- Be able to contribute relevant input to strengthen the academic debate at the Faculty of Fine Art, Music and Design. Help promote the institution externally, including by developing professional networks and research projects locally, nationally and internationally.

The Department of Design

The Department of Design is characterised by a wide range of forms of expression, open dialogue and critical discussions. The relationship between theory and practice, the development of a relevant system of concepts and the balance between production and reflection are key aspects of our design education. We offer studies in the field of visual communication and furniture- and spatial design/interior architecture. Members of staff who themselves are practicing designers, both nationally and internationally, are a prerequisite for a vibrant educational and research environment. Artistic development work and research are key and constitute the foundation for teaching. Our professional environment is firmly anchored in social commitment.

The Institute has a broad range of workshops that are used both for teaching and in artistic development work. Staff members affiliated with these specialised facilities ensure a constant development and upgrading of material knowledge in the context of a complex design-relevant discussion. The Department of Design prioritizes the development and implementation of major research projects, including those having external funding.

Qualifications

- For the position of professor: Extensive artistic activity at the highest level measured by international standards and relevant breadth and top-level specialisation in the subject or field.
- For the position of associate professor: Completed, approved scholarship programme for artistic development work in a relevant field, documented artistic activity or development work at a high international level and with a particular specialisation that is relevant to the subject area or discipline.
- Documented relevant competence in educational theory and practice based on education, teaching and supervision.

The applicants' academic competence will be assessed by an expert committee. The most highly qualified applicants will be called in for interview and trial lecture by an internal interview team.

Scandinavian and English are the languages of instruction. The successful applicant will be required to teach in Norwegian or another Scandinavian language within two years after appointment. Applicants who cannot document that they have completed basic teacher training before appointment will be given the opportunity to take this training.

We can offer

- A position as Professor (code 1013) at a salary of NOK 673,800 - 882,900 (Salary Grade 74 - 84) or a position as Associate Professor (code 1011) at a salary of NOK 558,500 - 623,900 (Salary Grade 64 - 70) on the Government Pay Scale (pay framework 24). A higher salary may be considered for particularly well-qualified applicants.
- A good and professionally challenging working environment
- Enrolment in the Norwegian Public Service Pension Fund
- A position in an inclusive workplace (IW)
- Good welfare schemes.

It is a condition for appointment to this position that the appointee has the University of Bergen as their daily place of work and participates actively in the running of the Department. The successful candidate must comply with the guidelines and regulations that apply to the position at any time. The distribution of the work hours will be described in the individual annual work plan that will be drawn up in dialogue with the individual employee and the head of department. The head of department is responsible for coordinating the courses and programmes at the department.

Applications must include:

- Material documenting artistic development work and artistic activity
- Documentation of pedagogical/teaching qualifications
- CV
- Certificates proving academic qualifications
- Professional recommendations

Applicants must provide an account of their qualifications in light of the factors the position requires and attaches importance to, including a description of their intentions and aims for the period of employment. It is important that applicants clarify their views and describe their opinion regarding the current status and opportunities in the field.

The application must be submitted electronically within the specified deadline via the "APPLY FOR THIS JOB" link on this page. Please upload all attachments as separate files. Any attachments larger than 15 MB must be zipped before they are uploaded.

Other information

The state labour force shall reflect the diversity of Norwegian society to the greatest extent possible. Age and gender balance among employees is therefore a goal. It is also a goal to recruit people with immigrant backgrounds. People with immigrant backgrounds and people with disabilities are encouraged to apply for the position.

The University of Bergen applies the principle of public access to information when recruiting staff for academic positions. Information about applicants may be made public even if the applicant has asked not to be named on the list of persons who have applied. The applicant will be notified if the request to be omitted is not met.

The Faculty can offer an interesting and demanding position in a good collegial environment with a high activity level and interesting and challenging work.

Detailed information about the position can be obtained by contacting: Head of Department Mona Larsen on tel. + 47 55 58 73 00 - Mona.Larsen@uib.no

Further information about the employment process can be found [here](#).

Jobbnorge ID: 152094, Deadline: Closed