



Jobbnorge ID: 287246

Deadline: 10/16/2025

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Scope: Fast present (50)

Duration: Fixed Term

Associate Professor (50%) in Furniture and Product Design

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Associate professor

At the Department of Design, Faculty of Fine Art, Music and Design, University of Bergen, there is a vacant 50% fixed-term position for 6 years as Associate Professor in Furniture and Product Design, with a particular focus on drawing and form. The desired start date is as soon as possible.

Work tasks/Responsibilities:

We are seeking an Associate Professor for teaching and research-related tasks within the field of furniture and product design. The position is affiliated with the study programme Furniture Design Interior and Architecture.

The successful candidate must have a broad professional background and practical experience in furniture or product design, and be motivated and qualified to work in interdisciplinary contexts and projects, as well as carry out varied teaching assignments within the field.

We are looking for someone who actively uses drawing and form studies as a method in their work. Experience in teaching drawing will be emphasized. The position involves developing teaching in drawing and form at the department in collaboration with the academic staff. This includes teaching basic drawing techniques for designers, where drawing is used both as an exploratory tool and for communication. Experience in concept development, prototyping, and workshop-based work where function and design form a cohesive whole will be emphasized.

Work Tasks:

- Teaching and supervision, including examination.
- Shared responsibility for learning resources in accordance with study programs.
- Artistic research, including project development and management. Preparing applications for external funding and leading research groups may also be relevant.
- Supervision of BA, MA, and Ph.D. students.
- Recruitment of BA, MA, and Ph.D. students, including admission work may be relevant.
- Presentation/Dissemination of results.
- Organization and facilitation of these tasks.
- Administrative tasks and other management duties, including committee work may be relevant.

Qualifications and personal qualities:

The position as Associate Professor requires completion of an approved artistic research doctoral program in the relevant field or documented evidence of high international-level artistic activities or artistic research, with specialization which is relevant to the academic field or discipline, such as furniture design, product design, or industrial design.

Applicants must also document basic university pedagogical competence, based on teaching/supervision experience and completed pedagogical training (200 hours or equivalent). This includes:

- Basic skills in planning, implementing, evaluating, and developing teaching and supervision
- Ability to reflect on one's role as an educator and to discuss and justify choices in teaching and supervision

Pedagogical training must be documented in a pedagogical portfolio which should include a documented overview of practical experience and competence as well as a brief reflection statement. The statement should primarily describe the applicant's own teaching philosophy and an

evaluation of own teaching in relation to his/her knowledge of students' learning at a higher education level. You will find more detailed information about the documentation of pedagogical competence [here](#).

Should the successful applicant not have such competence at the time of appointment, he/she will be required to document such training within two years of the date of appointment.

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.

In addition, emphasis will be placed on:

- Documented experience using drawing as a tool in design processes
- Documented teaching experience in drawing and form
- Solid practical and theoretical knowledge of material properties and their use in industrial production
- A developed practice within the field.
- Experience in teaching at university level.
- Organizational skills and experience.
- Personal and interpersonal qualities.
- Strong collaboration skills, emphasizing dialogue and inclusive academic communication.
- Ability to work independently and structured, be responsible, flexible, and accommodating.

The language of instruction is primarily Norwegian. It is required that the person appointed has proficiency in Norwegian or another Scandinavian language at level B2 within three years of employment. UiB offers Norwegian language courses and will facilitate meeting the language requirement.

The workplace for the position is on campus in Bergen, and regular presence is expected.

We can offer:

- Exciting and developmental tasks in a strong academic environment
- Position as Associate Professor (code 1011) with an annual salary of NOK 757,600 - 798,000 gross. A 2% pension contribution is deducted for the Norwegian Public Service Pension Fund. For particularly qualified applicants, a higher salary may be considered.
- Membership in the Norwegian Public Service Pension Fund
- Good [welfare benefits](#)

Your application must include:

- Cover letter in which the applicant outlines their motivation for applying for the position, and explains how their qualifications and experience are relevant to the responsibilities and requirements associated with the role.
- CV
- Diplomas and certificates
- Documentation of artistic (design-related) research and professional design practice/industry projects
- Documentation of educational experience and qualifications: [Please download, fill out and submit this form.](#)

Please note: Applications will be assessed based on the information available in JobbNorge when the application deadline expires. If the original documents are not in English or a Scandinavian language, certified translations must be provided in one of these languages.

The applicant is responsible for ensuring that all information is uploaded before the deadline.

General information:

Detailed information about the position can be obtained by contacting: Acting Head of Department Gustav Kvaal, Email: Gustav.Kvaal@uib.no

For technical questions related to the application process, please contact HR at KMD, email: hrkmd@uib.no

Diversity is a strength that enables us to solve our tasks even better. UiB therefore needs qualified employees regardless of gender, ethnicity, religion, worldview, disability, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, and age.

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 must be notified if the request to be omitted is not met.

We encourage applicants with disabilities, immigrant backgrounds, or gaps in their CV to apply. By indicating such circumstances in your application, you may receive favourable consideration. We ensure that at least one qualified applicant from each of these groups is invited for an interview as part of our commitment to inclusivity and equal opportunity. For further information about the recruitment process, click [here](#).

About The University of Bergen

The University of Bergen is a renowned educational and research institution, organised into seven faculties and approximately 54 institutes and academic centres. Campus is located in the centre of Bergen with university areas at Nygårdshøyden, Haukeland, Marineholmen, Møllendalsveien and Årstad.

There are three departments at Faculty of Fine Art, Music and Design. [Read more about the faculty](#) and [departments](#).

Additional information

Place of service:

Møllendalsveien 61 5009 Bergen (Bergen Municipality)