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<b>Job Title</b>	Assistant or Associate Professor in Furniture Design (tenure track or tenured)
<b>Department</b>	T201 Dept. Architecture
<b>Institution</b>	Aalto University , , Finland
<b>Date Posted</b>	Jul. 16, 2021
<b>Application Deadline</b>	Open until filled
<b>Position Start Date</b>	Available immediately
<b>Job Categories</b>	Assistant Professor Associate Professor
<b>Academic Field(s)</b>	Design - Interior Design Design - Fashion & Textile Design
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**Job Description**

The Aalto School of Arts, Design and Architecture is a Nordic leader in higher education for design, fashion, games, media, architecture, film, art education and art. We produce world-class research in art education, design and design thinking, digital media and visual culture, urban planning and architecture. Our graduates innovate in and beyond their fields, drawing on over a century of tradition, a humane and forward-looking approach, and the latest technologies. Our new campus in Espoo, just west of Helsinki, makes working together among and across disciplines easier than ever before.

The Department of Architecture at Aalto University is an internationally renowned education and research unit. With respect to Finland's esteemed architectural heritage, we search for new solutions to

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the challenges of sustainable development. To us, architecture is an art form that requires practical skills and individual artistic development, as well as sustainability knowledge relevant to design and planning. We educate critical thinkers who accept their responsibility to research and design a socially, culturally and ecologically sustainable built environment.

The Department of Architecture offers degree programmes in architecture, landscape architecture and interior architecture. At the moment, the BA level courses are taught primarily in Finnish whilst MA and doctoral level studies primarily in English. For more information, please see: <http://architecture.aalto.fi/en/>

The Department of Architecture invites application for the position of:

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The successful candidate will be appointed for a fixed term Assistant Professor position or permanent Associate Professor position in the Aalto University tenure track system. The Aalto tenure track principles are explained at <http://www.aalto.fi/en/tenure-track>. The position will begin in January 2022 or as agreed, and it is placed within the Programme of Interior Architecture in the Department of Architecture.

Furniture design has a long and illustrious history at Aalto University and its predecessor with consistent international visibility and recognition. In order to maintain its leadership in the field, Aalto ARTS has opened a call to find a tenure track or tenured professor in Furniture Design whose task is to update the field to meet the complex demands of today and the future. The purpose of the professorship is to elevate and redefine the field of furniture design by developing teaching and artistic/professional activities and creating an interface towards research based on the strong tradition of the field. Activities of the department are mainly located in the Otaniemi campus of Aalto University in Espoo (Helsinki metropolitan area).

#### Your role and goals

As a tenure track or tenured Professor, we expect you to exercise and guide research and/or artistic activity, to educate students on this basis, to introduce them to existing furniture design traditions and support them in advancing the field. This entails practice, theory and experimentation with existing and emerging skills, technologies and materialities. We also expect you to participate in service to the Aalto University community and encourage you to invite visiting professionals to share their knowledge and experience.

In all levels of the tenure track system, a professor is expected to perform high-quality research or

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artistic activity with societal impact as well as teaching at post-graduate, graduate and undergraduate levels, to be an active member of the international design research and practice communities, and to exhibit academic leadership. Advancements in the tenure track are based on scheduled performance assessments, which take into account the candidate's merits in all these areas.

The criteria are meant to support a holistic evaluation of applicants. This means that an applicant is evaluated not on fulfilling every single criteria but, rather, on the overall combination and balance across dimensions and as relevant to the field and type of professorship. Combining artistic and/or practice-based work with research in a pioneering way can be a merit.

Your experience and ambitions

Profound expertise in the field of the professorship is necessary, and international experience and familiarity with the Nordic countries is of advantage. The candidate should have experience in university-level teaching and design practice. Experience in leading research projects and academic leadership positions is an asset. Completed pedagogical studies and a doctoral degree in Architecture, Interior Design, Design or in some other relevant field is valued.

Significant expertise in teaching and artistic work and/or research is required for obtaining a Tenure track or tenured Professor position. Furthermore, a commitment to develop the field through research and/or artistic work and teaching activities is necessitated.

For this professorship the applicant is expected to have: \*

MA degree in a relevant field or comparable artistic/professional qualifications \*

Broad professional knowledge and experience or a strong profile in experimental or conceptual practice in furniture design \*

Experience in versatile collaborations with relevant partners in the field of furniture design and its related businesses \*

Strong competencies in interdisciplinary collaboration \*

Knowledge of sustainability \*

Ability to teach and engage students \*

International networks within the field of design \*

Excellent verbal and written communication skills in English

The applicants will be reviewed on the basis of the following areas: design merits; teaching, research and collaborative skills; and active participation and leadership in the professional or academic design community. The position will require relocation to Finland for candidates not already living in the country.

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#### What we offer

The Professor will be part of an inspiring and supportive community of experienced professionals and highly motivated students. The Professor will also have the opportunity to use the Department's extensive networks both nationally and internationally, and enjoy our great resources to build educational workshops, master classes and student productions with the help of our production service, Aalto Studios (<https://studios.aalto.fi/>).

Aalto University follows the salary system of Finnish universities, but applicants may also make salary requests. As an employer, Aalto University offers excellent learning and development opportunities and occupational health care services.

Aalto was ranked as the #7 university in Art and Design by QS in 2020. Aalto Department of Architecture is ranked highest in Finland and among the top fifty (#41) architecture schools in the world (QS 2020). Projects by the department are nominated for national and international awards, such as the Finlandia Prize (2018) and the ArchDaily Building of the Year award (2018).

#### Ready to apply?

To apply, we kindly ask you to submit your application materials through our recruitment system on 31 August 2021 (Eastern European time UTC +2) at the latest. The following application materials should be submitted in English (in pdf format):

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Motivation letter (1-2 pages) \*

Curriculum Vitae according to the guidelines by the Finnish National Board on Research Integrity [<https://tenk.fi/en/advice-and-materials/template-researchers-curriculum-vitae>]

Design portfolio including max. 10 most significant projects (max 20 pages, if size more than 5 MB please provide a link) \*

Teaching portfolio including teaching merits and approach to teaching, according to Aalto University guidelines [[https://www.aalto.fi/sites/g/files/flghsv161/files/2021-](https://www.aalto.fi/sites/g/files/flghsv161/files/2021-01/Teaching%20competence%20assessment_Guidelines_for_candidate_2020_Aalto%20University_FINAL.p)

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Brief overview of your ideas regarding the future development of the field (max. 2 pages) \*

Statement describing your vision of research and/or artistic work and teaching in the field of Furniture and Product Design (max. 2 pages).

The Departmental Committee will invite the shortlisted applicants to visit the Department of Architecture and deliver teaching demonstrations and to be interviewed in the Autumn of 2021 if this is



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possible in light of the pandemic (if not, the teaching demonstrations will be delivered remotely). In addition, the shortlisted applications will be reviewed by external experts.

For more information

For additional information, please contact Chair of the Departmental Committee, Associate Professor Jenni Reuter, &#43;358 50 3055 704, [jenni.reuter\(at\)aalto.fi](mailto:jenni.reuter@aalto.fi). In questions related to the recruitment process, please contact HR Specialist Mari Kaarni, [mari.kaarni\(at\)aalto.fi](mailto:mari.kaarni@aalto.fi). Please note that due to summer vacations, there might be some delay in the answers.

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Finland is consistently ranked high in quality of life:

[url=http://www.oecdbetterlifeindex.org/countries/finland/]http://www.oecdbetterlifeindex.org/countries/finland/

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In Finnish/Suomeksi

Haemme Kalustesuunnittelun professoria tenure track -tehtävään. Tarkempi kuvaus tehtävästä ja hakuohjeet yllä englanniksi. Tehtävän hakuaika päättyy: 31.8.2021

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