

Professor, Film Directing
Aalto University

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Job Description

Aalto University is a community of bold thinkers where science and art meet technology and business. We are committed to identifying and solving grand societal challenges and building an innovative future. Aalto University has six schools with nearly 20 000 students and more than 400 professors. Our campuses are located in Espoo and Helsinki, Finland.

The School of Arts, Design and Architecture (ARTS) is an institution of higher education for design, media, architecture, motion picture, art education and art. The current key areas of research are design, digital media, audiovisual representation, art, visual culture, welfare architecture and emerging technologies as well as urban planning and design. The school produces specialists and innovators of art, design, and architecture with strong artistic and technical skills. ELO Film School Finland, founded in 1959, is one of the eldest film schools in Europe and in the world.

The Department of Film is now seeking a tenure track professor in:

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The recruitment is open from assistant to associate professor level on the Aalto tenure track. [\[url=https://www.aalto.fi/en/tenure-track/tenure-track-career-path\]](https://www.aalto.fi/en/tenure-track/tenure-track-career-path)Tenure track career path | Aalto University

Job description

The Professor in Film Directing will focus on teaching and developing artistic practices in film directing. The objective is to prepare students to become highly qualified creative professionals in the field of fiction in film and television. The Professor will be in charge of the MA program in Film Directing and work closely together with the other majors of the Department.

The Department of Film at Aalto offers education in nine majors (specializations): film directing (fiction), screenwriting, film and television producing, film editing, cinematography, film sound design, documentary film, production design, costume design and animation. In addition, education in film history and courses in research skills are offered. The Department is active in practice-based research, providing new theoretical and practical knowledge, insights and approaches to filmmaking. The Department collaborates closely with the University of the Arts Helsinki and other national and international higher education institutions specializing in arts.

The Department encourages its staff to maintain active professional careers as filmmakers. It is possible to work on professional film productions during periodic uncompensated leaves of absence.

Your roles and goals

The tasks of the Assistant/Associate Professor include:

- * Teaching
- * Artistic activity (and possibly also research) in the field
- * Department and School level educational development and administrative tasks

The Professor will co-operate with the Department's faculty, other departments of Aalto and other higher education institutes. Many of the courses in the Department are organized together with other majors. The Professor will also work tightly with the professional field, and create and maintain national, Nordic and international collaboration networks. Furthermore, the Professor will actively develop the major, the Department, and the practiced teaching methods in close collaboration with

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other faculty members.

Requirements

The professor's position is subject to external evaluation. The applicant is expected to have significant artistic qualifications and practical experience in the field of fiction films and/or television, having directed feature films or television productions that have been professionally distributed (commercial distribution, broadcasting, streaming or festival distribution). Experience in teaching is necessary, and experience in educational development is an advantage. In addition, the applicant is expected to have a solid and well-articulated vision regarding the field and how it should be developed. A commitment to develop the field through teaching and artistic work or research is required.

The applicants will be reviewed based on the following areas: artistic merits, teaching, co-operative skills, and activity and leadership in artistic or academic community. Research and publication activity are considered an asset but are not required. A master's degree relevant to the position is mandatory.

The candidate is expected to be internationally networked and fluent in English. Knowledge of Finnish and/or Swedish is an advantage. The position will require relocation to Finland for candidates not already located in the country.

Please find more information on the School of Arts, Design and Architecture's tenure-track criteria [[url=https://www.aalto.fi/sites/g/files/flghsv161/files/2022-04/Updated%20ARTS%20TT%20Criteria_FINAL_8.12.2021%20%2021.3.2022.pdf](https://www.aalto.fi/sites/g/files/flghsv161/files/2022-04/Updated%20ARTS%20TT%20Criteria_FINAL_8.12.2021%20%2021.3.2022.pdf)]here.

What we offer

The call is open for a tenure track professor. The position will begin in late autumn 2024, or as agreed.

Depending on the merits of the candidate, the professorship is fixed term or permanent.

We offer you a possibility to work within a widely appreciated and vibrant learning, research, and art & design community. The School of Arts, Design and Architecture has well-equipped infrastructure for research and artistic activities, including several top-class workshop premises. We are located on the Aalto University campus in Otaniemi, Espoo, with several other neighboring research institutions and organizations. The Department students frequently succeed at international competitive festivals both on professional and student levels. The Department is proud of the distinguished careers of its alumna.

The salary will be defined based on the applicant's qualifications and level of position and will follow

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the [\[url=https://www.aalto.fi/en/services/local-agreement-salaries-and-change-in-salary\]](https://www.aalto.fi/en/services/local-agreement-salaries-and-change-in-salary)Aalto University local agreement regarding salaries. In addition to the salary, Aalto University provides its employees with occupational health care and excellent learning and development opportunities.

How to apply

The following materials should be submitted in English and in PDF format through our recruitment system [\[url=https://aalto.wd3.myworkdayjobs.com/en-US/aalto\]](https://aalto.wd3.myworkdayjobs.com/en-US/aalto)Workday:

- * Application letter
- * A curriculum vitae, following the guidelines of the Finnish National Board on Research Integrity: [\[url=https://tenk.fi/sites/default/files/2021-06/TENK_CV_template_2020.pdf\]](https://tenk.fi/sites/default/files/2021-06/TENK_CV_template_2020.pdf)Researcher's Curriculum Vitae Template
- * A description of your views regarding the present situation and vision for the future development of the field (max. 2 pages)
- * A description of your views regarding teaching (max. 2 pages)
- * Your filmography with the five most essential productions highlighted, with a brief description of the project and why you chose to highlight it (max. 100 words per project) - you can also provide an IMDB-link to your work
- * A list of other publications (optional)

We kindly ask you to submit your application materials through our recruitment systems no later than midnight on Friday April 12, 2024 (UTC +2).?

If you already work at Aalto University or are a visitor here, please apply for the position by using your existing Workday user account! Please see how to do it [\[url=https://www.aalto.fi/en/services/how-to-apply-internal-job\]](https://www.aalto.fi/en/services/how-to-apply-internal-job)here.

After the application period closes, the Departmental Committee will draw a shortlist of candidates who will be informed by the end of May. Shortlisted candidates will be asked to deliver additional materials and will be invited to a site visit at the end of August / beginning of September. During the site visit, they will be interviewed and asked to deliver a teaching demonstration.

In addition, shortlisted applications will be reviewed by external experts. Aalto University reserves the right to leave the position open, to extend the application period, to ask for supplementary materials, or to consider additional candidates who have not submitted applications during the application period.

Additional information

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For additional information, please contact the Chair of the Departmental Committee Raija Talvio, [[url=mailto:firstname.lastname@aalto.fi](mailto:firstname.lastname@aalto.fi)]firstname.lastname@aalto.fi. For recruitment process-related questions, you may contact HR Partner Mariangela Bizzo, tel. +358 50 475 2322 and email [[url=mailto:firstname.lastname@aalto.fi](mailto:firstname.lastname@aalto.fi)]firstname.lastname@aalto.fi.

Please note that in July there might be delays in responses due to the vacation periods in Finland.

ELO Film School Finland / Department of Film

The position is located at the Department of Film. The Department of Film, ELO, is the only university-level film school in Finland. It is a vital combination of innovative art academy and an active, practice-based and artistic research unit. It teaches all aspects of filmmaking and costume design. Our faculty consists of international-level practicing filmmakers, costume designers and researchers.

We value our over 60-year-long tradition but at the same time actively explore future challenges and emerging technologies. The department works closely with the audiovisual industry and costume design in theatre, and emerging contemporary groups in performing arts.

The curriculum draws on artistic and pedagogical traditions, passing them on creatively and developing new forms of expression. During their studies students are familiarized with various artistic processes, teamwork, historical and critical thinking, observations, and interpretations of reality. This knowledge is applied in practical exercises and student film productions.

The department's research brings new understanding of the forms of expression and production processes in cinematic arts and costume design and opens paths to international research. The research orientation is based on a fruitful dialogue between theory and practice.

For more information, see [[url=https://www.aalto.fi/en/department-of-film-elo](https://www.aalto.fi/en/department-of-film-elo)]Department of Film (ELO) | Aalto University

About Finland and Helsinki area

Finland has a high standard of living, a world leading education system, and a vibrant commercial and cultural life. It enjoys a robust economy and political stability. It has excellent transport links to the major cities of Europe and beyond. Helsinki is one of Europe's leading capital cities and a vivid center of scholarship. As a living and working environment, Finland is consistently ranked highly in quality-of-life and competitiveness studies.

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[[url=https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dUfEGVM-ZP8&feature=youtu.be](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dUfEGVM-ZP8&feature=youtu.be)]Aalto People?, and?

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Check out our new virtual campus experience:?[url=https://virtualtour.aalto.fi/]Virtual tour?!

Living up to our values

As a community of high ethics, we want to assure the highest international standard in research, education, and teaching. We expect all our community members to respect Aalto values and follow the ethical principles of fair play and integrity in all our activities and the behavior that we expect from each other. The Aalto University Code of Conduct is applicable to all Aalto community members, and it clarifies the values that guide us.

More about Aalto University:

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