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Job Title Department Institution	Open-Rank Professor of Games (Tenure- Track/Tenured) Department of Design Media Arts University of California Los Angeles Los Angeles, California
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The Department of Design Media Arts (DMA) within the UCLA School of Arts and Architecture invites



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applications for an Assistant, Associate, or Full Professor position in the area of Games.

Who should apply?

We seek applications from artists, scholars, designers, and developers whose practice engages deeply with critical and experimental approaches to games. The Department of Design Media Arts is situated within the UCLA School of the Arts and Architecture and offers BA and MFA degrees; applicants should have experience working with artists and designers in academic, studio, or professional contexts. Applicants should demonstrate expertise, community engagement, and international recognition for one or many critical game-related practices.

The search committee will review applications as they arrive via RECRUIT. Applications will be reviewed for completeness and candidates will be informed if their applications are incomplete and given a reasonable amount of time to provide missing material. To ensure full consideration, candidates should apply by October 5, 2024.

Example areas of focus might include:

-experimental game art

- -critical theory and method in game studies
- -game programming and technical development
- -game production and publishing
- -game writing and emerging genres
- -game curation and community organizing
- -games in relation to race, gender, sexuality, disability, and class

Ideal candidates will contribute to further developing the vision of the Design Media Arts Department and the UCLA Game Lab and will have a leadership role in advancing our goals of merging artistic practice, social responsibility, and cultural inquiry around gaming and related fields. Applicants should familiarize themselves with the work we do in the Game Lab <u>https://games.ucla.edu/</u> and in the department of Design Media Arts <u>https://dma.ucla.edu/</u>

Working in the Department of Design Media Arts (DMA)

DMA is looking for a colleague with a commitment to working in social, critical, and cultural spaces, who believes in building nourishing and supportive communities. We prioritize diversity, accessibility, and accountability. We expect that this position will attract applicants who value excellence in teaching, academic service and leadership, and collaboration, who have deep commitments to social issues, and who manifest their passions and craft within the area of games and media arts.



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This position offers an opportunity to collaborate on the creation of a Games Major, expanding our degree offerings in the department of Design Media Arts at UCLA.

Responsibilities

The position involves teaching three undergraduate studio courses and two graduate seminars each academic year, contributing service to the department and the University, advancing the goals of the UCLA Game Lab, and developing independent research and creative activity appropriate for advancement within the University of California. Teaching at UCLA is on a quarterly schedule; the teaching load is 2,2,1. Service includes chairing or serving on two or three departmental or University-wide committees, involvement in departmental admissions, mentoring junior faculty, and advising graduate students.

Basic Qualifications

Terminal degree (MFA or PhD in a related field) or equivalent professional experience of 5 years or more

About UCLA, The Department of Design Media Arts, and the UCLA Game Lab

The University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) is located in the neighborhood of Westwood in Los Angeles. UCLA is an R1 research institution and part of the University of California (UC) system and has been ranked as the No. 1 public university by the U.S. News & World Report for six consecutive years.

Situated in the School of Arts and Architecture, the department of Design Media Arts (DMA) has a population of 24 graduate students in its 3-year MFA program and approximately 200 undergraduate students in its 4-year BA program. DMA houses 12 full-time senate faculty, approximately 15 lecturers, and a range of faculty directed research centers and initiatives, which include the UCLA Game Lab, Counterforce Lab, UCLA Social Software, Media Arts Research Space (MARS), Art|Sci Center, FLAT Journal, and the Conditional Studio. DMA offers a technologically innovative and intellectually rigorous curriculum anchored around media arts, design, and games, providing a multidisciplinary education to foster critical thinking and encourage experimentation, creative exploration, and research.

The UCLA Game Lab fosters the production of experimental games and game-related research within an art and design context. We emphasize conceptual risk-taking and the development of new modes of expression, form, and critical inquiry through gaming. In addition to producing games and research, the UCLA Game Lab also functions as a center that develops public programming around critical issues in gaming, including lectures, workshops, exhibitions, a visiting artist program, a summer program, and a public game festival at the Hammer Museum, among other events.



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Salary

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The level of appointment will be determined by the candidate's qualications and professional experience.

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