

## Assistant or Associate Professor, Design Formgiving Aalto University

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**Job Title** Assistant or Associate Professor, Design Formgiving  
**Department** A803 Dept. Design  
**Institution** Aalto University  
, , Finland

**Date Posted** Jan. 20, 2025

**Application Deadline** Open until filled  
**Position Start Date** Available immediately

**Job Categories** Assistant Professor  
Associate Professor

**Academic Field(s)** Design - Product Design  
Design - Interior Design  
Design - Industrial Art/Design  
Design - Graphic Design/Illustration  
Design - Fashion & Textile Design

**Job Website** [https://aalto.wd3.myworkdayjobs.com/aalto/job/Otaniemi-Espoo-Finland/Assistant-or-Associate-Professor--Design-Formgiving\\_R41940-2](https://aalto.wd3.myworkdayjobs.com/aalto/job/Otaniemi-Espoo-Finland/Assistant-or-Associate-Professor--Design-Formgiving_R41940-2)

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### Job Description

Aalto University is where science and art meet technology and business. We shape a sustainable future by making research breakthroughs in and across our disciplines, sparking the game changers of tomorrow and creating novel solutions to major global challenges. Our community is made up of 13 000 students, 400 professors and close to 4 500 other faculty and staff working on our dynamic campus in Espoo, Greater Helsinki, Finland. Diversity is part of who we are, and we actively work to ensure our community's diversity and inclusiveness. This is why we warmly encourage qualified

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candidates from all backgrounds to join our community.

The Aalto School of Arts, Design and Architecture (ARTS) is a Nordic leader in higher education for design, fashion, games, media, architecture, film, art education and fine art. We produce world-class research e.g. in design, digital media and visual culture, art education, urban planning and architecture. Our graduates innovate in and beyond their fields, drawing on over a century of tradition of our institution, a humane and forward-looking approach, and the latest technologies.

The Department of Design is a community of creative and responsible researchers and design experts. We educate front-line design professionals and visionaries for established, changing and emerging fields of design. ([url=http://https/www.aalto.fi/en/department-of-design]https://www.aalto.fi/en/department-of-design).

We are now looking for a

Assistant or Associate Professor in Design Formgiving

The Department of Design at Aalto University School of Arts, Design and Architecture is seeking to strengthen its research and education excellence by hiring a new tenure track professor in Design formgiving. The position will be filled at either assistant or associate professor level in the Aalto University's tenure track career system. With this new Design formgiving professorship, we aim to enhance academic expertise in design as a contemporary and unfolding formgiving practice. The position is centered on design as a creative and solution-oriented sensemaking in which the act of giving form to physical and digital objects, relationships, and processes hold a central place. The position will also address the integration of formgiving with diverse layers of professional design practice, including strategic thinking, conceptions and representations of the end-users, design tools and processes, and contemporary production methods and technologies.

We are looking for a collegial and open-minded individual who is eager to participate in our efforts and share our values in making an impact on the future of design education and the profession. Join us in shaping the future!

Your role and goals

Aligned with Aalto University's mission to shaping a sustainable future, the Design formgiving professorship is expected to make a significant contribution to the evolving and expanding field of design and to foster different cross-field collaborations. Questions of formgiving emerge in many areas of design research and practice. The ideal candidate will have an outstanding research profile and the

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capacity to bridge the gap between theory and practice. Potential areas of research and teaching may include the appropriation, exploration and generation of manifestations of new ideas, sensemaking in and through prototyping and formgiving, technologies, tools and techniques for formgiving, and the organizational positioning and implications of formgiving.

A successful candidate will have recorded experience and a high ambition in teaching design courses, and motivation to contribute to curriculum development including participating in updating the kind of formgiving competences needed in a rapidly changing world. Teaching responsibilities will include deepening the discussion on design formgiving in BA and in MA levels, and integrating design knowledge and design methods into both established and emerging design domains. In conjunction with research and teaching, the candidate is expected to have demonstrated ability to contribute to design practice and engage in the societal settings in which design takes place.

### Your network and team

By joining the Department of Design as one of the global forerunners in design research, you will be working with a dynamic community of world-leading researchers and creative professionals. Depending on your profile, your main collaborators in the department are the members of the research groups and faculty connected to the BA programme in Design and Media, and MA programme in Collaborative and Industrial Design.

### Your experience and ambitions

We are looking for a new colleague with a clear vision of the research agenda that combines design theory, methods and practice. You will have \*

- \* A doctoral degree in design or related field \*
- Demonstrated track record in research in the field of the professorship relevant to the tenure track level
- \* Experience in education at university level \*
- Some experience in working with industry or in design practice \*
- Excellent skills in English

What we offer \*

- \* Meaningful and inspiring environment. We are proud of our purpose to shape a sustainable future. We spark the game changers of tomorrow, and renew society with research-based knowledge, creativity and an entrepreneurial mindset. \*
- \* Culture that inspires and includes everyone. All our work is guided by the values of the university: responsibility, courage, and collaboration. It's the people that create Aalto, now and in the future. We want to be an open community where equality and inclusion enable curiosity, innovation, collaboration and wellbeing. \*
- \* Responsible and meaningful role with true impact in our University's/ School's success, and in the end, in the wellbeing and development of our society. \*
- \* Support, coaching and support. \*
- \* Great possibilities for competence development and learning. We constantly keep learning to find the most impactful ways to empower -

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and invest in - our people. \* Workshop and studio infrastructure with no comparison in the Nordics where you can work and research with multiple materials, techniques and approaches. Our vast array of professional development opportunities means you will grow and learn, having the chance to participate actively in staff trainings and development projects based on your interests and needs.

The workplace is in Otaniemi, Espoo (Helsinki capital area). The Otaniemi campus is a thriving and connected community of 100 nationalities, 13,000 students and 4,500 employees. Life at the transformed campus is vibrant and filled with amazing architecture, calming nature, and a variety of cafes, restaurants, services and good connections along the recently opened metro line.

Join us!

To apply, please share the following application materials with us through our recruitment site ("Apply now!") by February 28, 2025 midnight Finnish time (GMT+2). \* A motivation letter (one page) \* A research statement containing a brief account of past achievements and vision and plan for future research (max 4 pages) \* Curriculum vitae, using the following template:

[url=https://tenk.fi/en/advice-and-materials/template-researchers-curriculum-vitae]https://tenk.fi/en/advice-and-materials/template-researchers-curriculum-vitae \* Teaching portfolio including student feedback and self-evaluation, compiled according to Aalto guidelines:

[url=https://www.aalto.fi/sites/g/files/flghsv161/files/2024-04/Teaching-competence-assessment\_Guidelines-for-a-candidate\_2024\_Aalto-University.pdf]Teaching-competence-assessment\_Guidelines-for-a-candidate\_2024\_Aalto-University.pdf \* A List of publications (with the three most significant publications highlighted) according to the instructions by Academy of Finland: [url=https://www.aka.fi/en/research-funding/apply-for-funding/how-to-apply-for-funding/az-index-of-application-guidelines2/list-of-publications/]List of publications - Research Council of Finland (aka.fi) \*

Design portfolio (presenting max 3 cases/works/projects)

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If you wish to hear more about the position, you can contact Associate Professor Tuuli Mattelmäki, [tuuli.mattelmaki@aalto.fi](mailto:tuuli.mattelmaki@aalto.fi)

In recruitment related questions, kindly contact HR Partner Katju Helminen, [katju.helminen@aalto.fi](mailto:katju.helminen@aalto.fi)

Want to know more about us and your future colleagues? You can watch these videos:

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

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### About Finland

Finland is a great place for living with or without family - it is a safe, politically stable and well-organized Nordic society. Finland is consistently ranked high in quality of life and was just listed again as the happiest country in the world: [url=https://worldhappiness.report/news/its-a-three-peat-finland-keeps-top-spot-as-happiest-country-in-world/]https://worldhappiness.report/news/its-a-three-peat-finland-keeps-top-spot-as-happiest-country-in-world/. For more information about living in Finland: [url=https://www.aalto.fi/en/careers-at-aalto/for-international-staff]https://www.aalto.fi/en/careers-at-aalto/for-international-staff .

### More about Aalto University:

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### Contact

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