The Art Department of the University of California, Santa Cruz invites applications for a creative chair of the department/tenured faculty position. We are seeking an innovative artist/arts practitioner with a distinguished research record in the field of social practice and/or environmental arts. The successful candidate will help shape the vision of and launch our new MFA in Social and Environmental Arts Practice and guide our redesigned undergraduate program. S/he will teach in both programs. Our new chair should have a theoretical background, have a creative interest in digital/print/new media and be engaged in collaborative practice across the arts, humanities and sciences. Applicants from related fields such as design and architecture are also invited to apply.

Our new chair should enjoy working with students, faculty and staff from a wide variety of social and cultural backgrounds. The chair will have the opportunity to work across affiliate groups of research and study with other departments and schools on campus and throughout the UC system.

We are especially interested in candidates who can contribute to the diversity and excellence of the academic community through their research, teaching, and service. The campus currently operates on a schedule of three 11-week quarters per academic year. This position specifically entails: teaching 5 five-unit courses per year, or their equivalent, in accordance with the department’s workload policy; advising and mentoring students; actively engaging in research activity; and actively participating in administrative responsibilities for the department, affiliated college, and the campus.

We are located among redwood forests and meadows overlooking Monterey Bay, along California’s Central Coast in close proximity to Silicon Valley and the Bay Area. We have an array of exceptional studios and classrooms that include an up-to-date digital imaging lab, metal shop, foundry, drawing and painting studios, photo labs and print studios. The Art department is a key player in the newly founded Hub Social Practice Research Center. We also share a newly completed Digital Arts Research Center, which fosters creative work in new media and technology. Further information about the Art Department can be found on our website.

RANK: Associate Professor to Full Professor

SALARY: A competitive package commensurate with qualifications and experience, and level of appointment

PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS: Ph.D. (practice or research based), demonstrated high level of leadership performance in chairing a department/administration, and a high level of technical proficiency and knowledge of current new media, digital and/or print media.

POSITION AVAILABLE: July 1, 2012, with academic year commencing Fall 2012. Position is contingent upon final budgetary approval.

TO APPLY: Applicants should submit either digital (preferred) or in hard copy: 1) a letter of application; 2) a curriculum vitae; 3) Up to ten jpg. images of own work. For time-based work, no more than 3 Quicktime clips, max 3 mins each. In combination no more than 10 submissions; 4) Up to ten jpg. images of student work. (All images should be submitted on a CD. Images, no larger than 2MB each. Please label and number in the order you wish them to be reviewed with brief description of each work.); 5) In case of collaborative work please clearly specify your role in each project; 6) Three Syllabi from both graduate and undergraduate courses previously taught; 7) Names of three confidential referees from whom the applicant has solicited letters of recommendation. Referees should send letters of recommendation directly to the Department. All letters will be treated as confidential. Please direct your referees to UCSC’s confidentiality statement at http://apo.ucsc.edu/academic_policies_and_procedures/campus/confstm.htm; 7) No more than 3 writing samples (optional). The committee may request additional information from applicants before deciding on those whom it wishes to interview. Applicants are encouraged to submit a statement addressing their contribution to diversity through their research, teaching, and/or service.

Enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope if you desire writing samples returned at the end of this recruitment.

All materials should be sent to:
Artssearch2011@ucsc.edu

Search Committee
Art Department
University of California
1156 High Street
Santa Cruz, CA 95064

Questions regarding the department or position may be addressed to visart@ucsc.edu. Further information about the department is available at http://art.ucsc.edu

CLOSING DATE: This position will remain open until filled, but in order to be fully considered during this review period, a complete application (including letters of recommendation and other supporting documents) should be received by the department by April 20, 2012. Position is open until filled, but not later than June 30, 2013.

UC Santa Cruz faculty make significant contributions to the body of research that has earned the University of California the ranking as the foremost public higher education institution in the world. In the process, our faculty demonstrate that cutting-edge research, excellent teaching and outstanding service are mutually supportive. The University of California, Santa Cruz is an Affirmative Action/Equal Employment Opportunity Employer, committed to excellence through diversity. We strive to establish a climate that welcomes, celebrates, and promotes respect for the contributions of all students and employees.

Inquiries regarding the University’s equal employment opportunity policies may be directed to: Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion at the University of California, Santa Cruz, CA 95064; (831) 459-2886. Under Federal law, the University of California may employ only individuals who are legally able to work in the United States as established by providing documents as specified in the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986. Certain UCSC positions funded by federal contracts or sub-contracts require the selected candidate to pass an E-Verify check. More information is available here or from the Academic Personnel Office at (831) 459-5579.

As of January, 1, 2014, UCSC will be a smoke & tobacco-free campus.

If you need accommodation due to a disability, please contact the Academic Personnel Office at apo@ucsc.edu (831) 459-4300.

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