Chair of Fashion Department Position

Mount Mary University seeks applications for a full-time, tenure-track position as Chair of the Fashion Department in the School of Arts and Design. Rank is commensurate with experience. The ideal candidate should have a minimum of a Master’s Degree in either fashion design or merchandise management and industry experience. The department is particularly interested in candidates who have an energetic, team-building leadership style and a record of building synergistic relationships with industry partners. This appointment is half administrative and half teaching with an average load of six credits per semester. Commitment to a limited number of summer hours is expected.

Position Responsibilities:

- Teach 6 credits per semester at the undergraduate level in any of the following three areas: merchandise management; apparel construction/patternmaking; fashion illustration/CAD
- Engage in a program of research and/or creative scholarship, leading to funded, collaborative projects in fashion design.
- Work as a team member in developing curriculum, recruiting students, and representing the department to internal and external audiences
- Foster industry relationships and develop cooperative projects within the curriculum
- Represent and report strategic initiatives at the department level to School of Arts and Design level;
- Serve on department and University committees
- Advise and mentor undergraduate majors
- Build and sustain a dynamic network of department alumnae

Minimum Education and Experience Qualifications:

- Master’s degree in a fashion-related discipline; MFA or Ph.D. preferred.
- Relevant experience in fashion-related field.
- Five years of teaching experience at the university or university level
- Evidence of scholarly/creative activities
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills

About Mount Mary University:
Mount Mary University is a Catholic women’s institution of higher learning located in Milwaukee, Wisconsin with 2,000 undergraduate and graduate students. The University has recently launched a creative campus initiative to build a culture where teachers and learners collaborate with the community to share ideas and explore new paradigms within and across disciplines resulting in graduates eager to make a difference in their communities and via their career path. A well-developed global studies program provides students with many options to study abroad.

About the Department:
The Fashion Department is part of the Art and Design division and one of the largest majors at the University. The curriculum integrates professional course work with a liberal arts core. The Fashion Department offers two majors, one in fashion design and the other in merchandise management; the latter includes a business administration minor. The fashion design major is known for its blending of sophisticated but marketable design with high technical standards. The University is home to an extensive historic costume collection; computer labs offer Adobe, Lectra Kaledo, Optitex, and Visual Retailing software.

Application Process:
Review of applications will commence December 1, 2013. Send letter of application, vita, official transcripts, and three letters of recommendation to the Human Resources Office at Mount Mary University or E-mail a digital file to mmu-hrads@mtmary.edu

Mount Mary University encourages women, minorities, veterans and individuals with disabilities to apply.