Request for Applications for the
Mertie W. Buckman Professorship in Design Education

Applications are due by noon on Wednesday, November 30, 2016, to the Department Head of Design, Housing and Apparel

Purpose*:
The purpose of this Professorship is to assist in bringing to realization the Department of Design, Housing and Apparel’s (DHA) full potential in research and graduate education. It will further the objectives of The Goldstein Museum of Design, a nationally-recognized teaching collection. The holder of the Mertie W. Buckman Professorship shall engage in teaching and research and may contribute to the planning and administration of The Goldstein Museum of Design of the University of Minnesota. Research may be directly related to the museum collections of textiles, costumes, and decorative arts; be basic in fundamental design principles; or be applications of basic research to interiors, apparel and other areas of visual communication.

*as described in the original Memorandum of Agreement dated 6/4/86

Eligibility for appointment:
Full-time faculty member at the rank of associate or professor budgeted in the Department of Design, Housing, and Apparel.

Criteria for selection:
- Distinction in education, scholarship, and/or professional service.
- Goals and application are consistent with the purpose of this professorship.

Appointment terms:
The term will be for three-years, renewable once. Interest from the endowment fund will be used to partially pay the salary of the selected faculty member, the graduate assistantship, and the professional development benefit.

Benefit to the selected faculty member:
1. The honor associated with the title “Mertie W. Buckman Professor in Design Education.”
2. A two-semester, 25% graduate assistantship (salary and fringe benefits) each year or a one-semester, 25% graduate assistant (salary and fringe benefits) and a course release.
3. Professional development funds of $1,000 during each year the title is held. The amount of professional development funds may be adjusted upward or downward based on the income generated on the endowment. Use of the professional development funds is the choice of the holder of the professorship and may be used to purchase equipment, for professional travel expenses, for additional student support, or other expenses consistent with the goals.

Application materials:
1. Letter of application, limited to three pages, stating record of distinction and identifying goals for the term of appointment related to the purpose of the professorship.
2. Current vitae.

Selection committee:
The DHA Policy and Advisory Committee will review the applications and make a recommendation to the Department Head who will make the final selection.

Review committee:
During the third year of the appointment, a formal assessment is required. The DHA Policy and Advisory Committee will conduct the review and make recommendation for renewal if requested. The assessment will be based on the goals outlined in the individual’s letter of application. This review is separate from and does not preclude the annual performance required of every faculty member.