ASSISTANT PROFESSOR (PROFESSORIAL STREAM) in Media and Augmented Visuality
School of the Arts, Media, Performance and Design

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Deadline for Applications: January 18, 2019

The School of the Arts, Media, Performance and Design (AMPD) at York University, Toronto invites applications for a full-time professorial stream appointment in the area of Media and Augmented Visuality. The successful candidate will be appointed to a tenure stream position in AMPD at the rank of Assistant Professor beginning July 1, 2019. The successful candidate will also be appointed to the core membership of York University’s Vision: Science to Application (VISTA) research program beginning July 1, 2019.

One of North America’s leading schools for the arts, AMPD offers undergraduate and graduate degree programs in Art History, Cinema and Media Arts, Computational Arts, Dance, Design, Music, Theatre and Performance Studies, and Visual Arts. The successful candidate will be placed in a department that reflects his or her scholarly and creative strengths.

This is a research-enhanced faculty position partially funded through York’s Canada First Research Excellence Fund “Vision: Science to Application” (VISTA) Program <http://vista.info.yorku.ca/>. The successful candidate is expected to engage with, and benefit from, the VISTA program led by York’s internationally renowned Centre for Vision Research, and focused on the intersection between biological and computational vision. The incumbent will receive enhanced start-up funding, additional annual research funds, a reduced teaching load, and competitive access to general VISTA research and training funds for the duration of the program.

VISTA is a collaborative $120 M project funded by the CFREF, 2016-2023 that builds on York’s world-leading interdisciplinary expertise in biological and computer vision. The overarching goal of VISTA is to advance visual science through research that spans computational and biological perspectives and can be applied to real-world conditions.

At the time of appointment, the successful candidate must have a PhD in an Arts and Humanities discipline or a related field with postdoctoral or faculty experience preferred; an outstanding record or a promise of future excellence in research; undergraduate teaching experience and experience working with graduate students; and be eligible for prompt appointment to the Faculty of Graduate Studies. For this Research Enhanced Hire, AMPD seeks a scholar or research practitioner who works at the intersection of media technology and human biology with a broad emphasis on vision and visuality. The ideal candidate’s research must demonstrate excellence or promise of excellence in one or more of the following areas: haptics, artificial intelligence, machine learning, VR/AR, critical data visualization studies, biometrics, digital activism, critical design, media archeology, platform studies, media arts, and social media. Candidates whose work takes an interdisciplinary theoretical approach and addresses issues in one or more of the following areas: critical race theory, visual studies, cultural studies, science and technology studies, critical disability studies,
posthumanist/transhumanist theory, indigenous studies, and gender/queer studies will be of particular interest. Pedagogical innovation in high priority areas such as experiential education and technology enhanced learning is preferred.

While the ideal candidate’s core research will likely emerge from an arts and humanities perspective, as a VISTA member, the candidate should be able to work collaboratively across a range of disciplines and fields such as health studies, cognitive science, cinema and media studies, neuroscience, engineering, and computer science to develop new interdisciplinary approaches toward the study and understanding of mediated vision and visuality. With the capacity to translate advanced research in the applied sciences into qualitative, interpretive knowledge that offers insights into its cultural significance within an arts and humanities context the ideal candidate will be able contribute productively to VISTA’s inter-disciplinary mandate and allow for meaningful academic and public dissemination of research.

As a VISTA member, the candidate will be expected to provide leadership by fostering collaborative research, secure external funding, supervise graduate students, and generate national and international academic, community and industry partnerships.

York University is an internationally recognized research university; York’s 11 Faculties and 27 research centres have well-established partnerships with 280+ leading universities worldwide. Located in Toronto, York is the third largest university in Canada, with a strong community of 53,000 students, 7,000 faculty and administrative staff, and more than 300,000 alumni.

Salary will be commensurate with qualifications and experience. All York University positions are subject to budgetary approval.

For this position, we are particularly interested in candidates with diverse backgrounds and especially encourage candidates in equity, diversity and inclusion categories, including members of the four designated groups (Aboriginal people, visible minorities, people with disabilities, and women). York acknowledges the potential impact that career interruptions (e.g. maternity leave, leave due to illness, etc.) can have on a candidate’s record of research achievement. Applicants are encouraged to explain in their application the impact that career interruptions may have had on their record of research achievement; this will be taken into careful consideration during the assessment process.

York University is an Affirmative Action (AA) employer and strongly values diversity, including gender and sexual diversity, within its community. The AA Program, which applies to Aboriginal people, visible minorities, people with disabilities, and women, can be found at www.yorku.ca/acadjobs or by calling the AA office at 416-736-5713. All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply; however, Canadian citizens, permanent residents and Indigenous peoples in Canada will be given priority.

The deadline for receipt of completed applications is January 18, 2019. Applicants should submit a signed letter of application outlining professional experience, an up-to-date curriculum vitae, a statement of contributions to research and teaching, and a teaching dossier which supports excellence and innovation in teaching such as sample course outlines, teaching reviews, professional development programs attended or led, and conference papers and publications relating to pedagogy. As well as arrange for three signed confidential letters of recommendation. Application packages can be sent to VISTAREHYORK@kbrs.ca or apply online https://www.kbrs.ca/Careers/12470. To learn more please contact Laura Godsoe at (902) 421-7544.
Applicants wishing to self-identify can do so by downloading, completing and submitting the forms to Laura Godsoe as part of their package. Forms can be found at: http://acadjobs.info.yorku.ca/. Please select the "Affirmative Action" tab under which forms pertaining to Citizenship and AA can be found.