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Professor of Architecture Theory

Faculty/department Architecture & the Built Environment

Level PhD

Maximum employment Maximum of 38 hours per week (1 FTE)

Duration of contract 5 years initially with prospect of permanent employment

Salary scale €5219 to €7599 per month gross

Architecture & the Built Environment

Since its foundation 110 years ago, the Faculty of Architecture and the Built Environment has built up a solid international reputation for training architects, urban planners and designers, as well as for its research portfolio and coaching of PhD candidates. With around 2600 students and 500 staff members, with around 230 FTEs devoted to academic positions, our faculty is one of the largest of Delft University of Technology and one of the most prestigious architecture and the built environment faculties globally. Traditionally, the faculty has prioritised high-quality training in design and research in the field of the built environment. Over 40 chairs cover a wide range of academic areas in design, process and technology, which together cover the entire field of the built environment. The faculty has a budget of around €38 million, of which approximately €7 million is sourced indirectly and from contracts with third parties.

The Department of Architecture offers a broad range of educational programmes at the undergraduate and graduate levels, and conducts advanced research in the fields of architecture theory and history, architectural design and practice, and in the theory and history of urbanism, planning, and landscape architecture. The Department of Architecture currently has 140 staff members, amounting to approximately 70 FTEs.

The chair of Architecture Theory focuses on the development of theories associated with architecture, urbanism and landscape architecture from a broad range of perspectives and fields of thought that critically examine and interrogate material practices as part of a wider societal, cultural, ethical and politico-economic context. The chair concentrates on establishing relevant connections between the design and the materialisation of the built environment, and the theoretical and philosophical fields. It thus deals with specific developments that are crucial to the formulation of conceptual, methodological and affective understandings of the built environment and the role of the design disciplines in its creation.

Job description

The chair of Architecture Theory, together with the chair of History of Architecture and Urban Planning and the chair of Methods and Analysis, provides the fundamental theoretical, historical and methodological frameworks for research and education within the Architecture Department.

The chair is expected to study and develop a framework of architectural theory that can play an important role for contemporary design practice in the Netherlands and beyond. In research and education the chair examines doctrines of the past and present, the investigation of thinking in select architectural groups, offices and guidelines, as well as inquiries into ethico-aesthetics. The duties of the Professor are based on a broad international orientation. He or she will have to convey a broad vision with regard to the character and the relevance of contemporary architecture theory, and will contribute to the treatment of and

debate on historical and contemporary architectural theories.

The duties will consist of providing education in the Bachelor, Master and PhD programmes of the Faculty of Architecture and the Built Environment and establishing research related to architecture theory from a broad and general perspective.

Requirements

The candidate has the following qualifications:

- A background in architecture, urban planning or landscape architecture with demonstrated advanced knowledge of architecture theory in an international setting
- A PhD
- An international scientific reputation
- Excellent communication and organisational skills
- Experienced in management and in supervising research and a research group
- An extensive national and international network
- Demonstrated capability of producing qualitatively and quantitatively relevant scientific articles, books and reports
- Experience in providing excellent education.

Conditions of employment

The TU Delft offers a customisable compensation package, a discount for health insurance and sport memberships, and a monthly work costs contribution. Flexible work schedules can be arranged. An International Children's Centre offers childcare and an international primary school. Dual Career Services offers support to accompanying partners. Salary and benefits are in accordance with the Collective Labour Agreement for Dutch Universities.

The TU Delft sets specific standards for the English competency of the teaching staff. The TU Delft offers training to improve English competency.

Inspiring, excellent education is our central aim. If you have less than five years of experience and do not yet have your teaching certificate, we allow you up to three years to obtain this.

Information and application

For more information about this position, please contact Amber Leeuwenburgh, phone: +31 (0)15-2788514, e-mail: a.c.leeuwenburgh@tudelft.nl. To apply, please send a letter of application, including a CV, a list of publications and a statement of research, teaching and leadership with a maximum of 5 pages. Please give the names of 5 people who may be contacted for a reference. Please e-mail your application by 17 March 2016 to: HR-BK@tudelft.nl.

When applying for this position, please refer to vacancy number BK2016-H01.