



Accepting Applications for Adjunct Faculty

The Milwaukee Institute of Art & Design (MIAD) invites applications for qualified adjunct instructors to teach a variety of courses across its curriculum. Opportunities include fine arts and design practices at all undergraduate levels of study, as well as courses in Critical Studies (Natural Sciences, Writing, Humanities and Art History).

Applicants will be reviewed based on areas of expertise and instructional interest. Qualified candidates will be contacted as college needs are identified. MIAD prioritizes faculty who lead engaging, inquiry-based classes, employ active learning strategies, and foster critical and creative learning environments.

About Teaching at MIAD

Teaching at MIAD is student-centered. It requires a solid commitment to working closely with undergraduate art and design students in our degree programs, guiding them on their journey toward a successful, life-long creative practice.

We seek applicants who have experience teaching undergraduate students and/or bring a wealth of applied professional experience. Applicants are encouraged to review areas of interest in the “Academic Programs” section of MIAD’s [website](#) to better understand the college’s curriculum and the teaching philosophy of each department.

Responsibilities

- Teach undergraduate course(s) and meet regularly with students.
- Provide consistent and timely communication and feedback to students via email and/or Canvas.
- Maintain accurate attendance and grading records.
- Submit grades and required course documentation by established deadlines.
- Be available for office hours as requested by students (approximately 1-2 hours/week).
- When possible, adjunct faculty are encouraged to attend departmental and campus-wide meetings.

Required Qualifications and Experience

- Masters or Doctoral degree, or a minimum of five (5) years of applicable post-baccalaureate professional experience.

Application Process and Deadline:

Interested applicants should submit the following materials in one (1) PDF document to academicaffairs@miad.edu:

1. A short letter of interest
2. A current résumé or curriculum vitae
3. Contact information (phone and email for three (3) professional references)

Applications will be accepted and reviewed on an ongoing basis. MIAD's needs shift each academic year. Submitted materials will be kept on file and reviewed as needs arise.

Current Areas of Interest

MIAD is currently seeking adjunct faculty with expertise in the following areas:

- Natural Sciences: Ecology, Entomology, Evolution, Geology, Material Science, or other related fields.
- Fine Arts: Arts management, video and time-based media, new media, interaction and emerging technologies, critical theory, and practice.
- Product/Industrial Designers: Technical processes, and/or digital form development, digital workflow and UX UI embedded technology
- Fashion and Apparel Design: Pattern making, clothing construction, understanding of the fashion industry and CLO3 design software.
- Art History: Animation History, Contemporary Art & Design History, Fashion & Apparel Design History, Global and/or Regional Art & Design History, and Illustration History
- 3D Modeling & Animation: Blender, digital sculpting, and/or interactivity using Unity.

All final candidates must successfully complete reference and background checks. Only pending charges or convictions that are substantially related to the position being considered will be taken into account during the employment decision-making process. Conviction records that are not substantially related to the position or to campus safety will not be considered in hiring decisions.

About MIAD: For over 50 years, the **Milwaukee Institute of Art & Design (MIAD)** has provided a transformative creative education, igniting curiosity through art, design, and service. As Wisconsin's leading private, nonprofit art and design college, MIAD prepares students for diverse, fulfilling, and financially rewarding careers through innovative, entrepreneurial thinking in a student-focused community.

Today, MIAD enrolls over 800 students annually in its nationally ranked BFA programs, including Communication Design, Illustration, Animation Track (Illustration), Product Design, Fashion and Apparel Design, Fine Art + New Studio Practice, and Interior Architecture and Design. Student

enrollment has grown 40% in the past decade, with a strong emphasis on innovation, empathy, and community engagement.

Beyond the classroom, MIAD fosters cultural experiences and community impact through robust youth programs, nonprofit partnerships, and corporate collaborations, strengthening Milwaukee's creative economy.

Looking forward, MIAD remains a dynamic educational and creative force, addressing broad societal needs through action, intention, and expression.

MIAD is committed to a teaching, learning, and working environment free from all forms of discrimination and harassment. The college prohibits students, employees, contractors, volunteers, and visitors from engaging in discrimination and harassment based on any individual's age, race, creed, color, disability, marital status, sex, national origin, ancestry, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, genetic information, religion, arrest record, conviction record, military service, veteran status, use or nonuse of lawful products off MIAD premises during nonworking hours, and any other legally protected characteristic. This prohibition applies to all of MIAD's educational programs and activities—including admissions—as well as all employment actions, including but not limited to recruiting, hiring, promotion, demotion, compensation, and benefits.