Announcement of User Experience or Interaction Design Faculty Positions
Communication & Design Program
School of Arts, Humanities & Social Sciences

The Communication & Design Program at Habib University invites applications for a new full-time faculty position in User Experience (UX) Design Interaction (IxD) Design. The appointment will be made at either the Assistant or Associate Professor level commensurate with the successful applicant's credentials and experience.

Ideal candidates will have a Ph.D. or terminal degree, and relevant background in interaction design, user experience design, human-computer interaction, or similar fields. Candidates with backgrounds in service design, systemic design, industrial design, or communication design, or related fields like architecture, may also be considered if they also have relevant professional or research experience. Candidates with a non-terminal Master's degree will be considered for a Lecturer position, but a Ph.D. or terminal Master's is preferred.

Successful candidates should possess strong visual and/or tangible design skills and demonstrate a capacity for conducting original and creative work informed by critical research with stakeholders. Candidates applying with related teaching experience and a teaching portfolio, who can demonstrate an ability to teach a combination of practice-based studio classes and seminar courses on design research and practice will have preference.

Ideal candidates would also have an active professional or scholarly design practice, be able to consider the design of interactions, interfaces and experiences beyond the screen, and\or have experience relevant to design practice and pedagogy in the Global South. The research interests of the program include: design and design research for and in the Global South, particularly South Asia; speculative and critical design; design for sustainability; design for behaviour change; and design for systems and societal transitions. Interdisciplinarity is highly desirable, and we welcome candidates with mixed backgrounds at the intersection of design and other fields or disciplines.

The Communication & Design Program has recently revised its undergraduate curriculum to meet the rapidly changing landscapes and demands of design in Pakistan, and the successful appointee will be expected to assume a leadership role in spearheading the development and delivery of new design courses in collaboration with other faculty and external consultants. The new design major offered by Habib is one of the first undergraduate majors in user experience and interaction design in the country, and one of only a handful of programs that teach design informed through systematic research and a critical engagement with fields and disciplines outside of design.

Faculty are also required to participate in the activities, service, and life of the program, the School of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences (AHSS) as well as the University at large.

Depending on credentials and experience, candidates will be considered at the Lecturer, Assistant Professor or Associate Professor ranks as appropriate. Successful candidates will teach courses and help shape academic pathways at the undergraduate level. For Lecturers the annual teaching load is 6 three-credit courses and for Assistant and Associate Professors the annual teaching load is 5 three-credit courses.

Located in the world's third largest city - Pakistan's highly affordable, bustling, diverse and dynamic artistic, commercial and intellectual capital of Karachi, Habib University opened its award-winning modern campus in fall 2014 as Pakistan's first university of liberal arts and sciences devoted exclusively to

undergraduate education. Classes are typically under 25 students - allowing close interaction between students and faculty. The University prides itself both on its needs-blind admissions policy – assuring access to all qualified students - and the quality and dedication of its increasingly diverse international faculty - over 93% of whom hold advanced degrees from leading global institutions. The University also enjoys close connections with several prominent institutions of higher education in the U.S., including the Claremont Colleges, Stanford, UC Berkeley, the University of Michigan and Texas A&M. An innovation in Pakistani higher education, Habib University is also among a handful of global institutions actively rethinking what defines the liberal arts and sciences in the 21st Century.

All interested candidates can apply through our online application portal. The application package must include the following:
- Cover letter
- CV
- Statement of teaching and research interest
- Representative publications
- Sample syllabi
- Three letters of recommendation
- Students Evaluation (if available)

Appointment is expected to begin by **January 1** for **Spring 2022**.

Habib University is committed to an inclusive and diverse community, and we strongly encourage applications from female candidates to maintain gender equity within the University. Experience of having studied and/or worked in a U.S. style, liberal arts environment would be highly preferred.

Recruitment-related queries may be directed to academic@habib.edu.pk.