

Assistant Professor - Design & Urban Transformation -
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Department	City and Regional Planning
Institution	University of California Berkeley Berkeley, California
Date Posted	Aug. 13, 2025
Application Deadline	11/01/2025
Position Start Date	Available immediately
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Position overview

Salary range: The current salary range for this position is \$80,800 - \$128,700 (9-month academic year salary), however, off-scale salary and other components of pay, which would yield compensation that is higher than this range, are offered to meet competitive conditions.

Anticipated start:

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Application Window

Open date: August 12, 2025

Next review date: Saturday, Nov 1, 2025 at 11:59pm (Pacific Time)

Apply by this date to ensure full consideration by the committee.

Final date: Saturday, Nov 1, 2025 at 11:59pm (Pacific Time)

Applications will continue to be accepted until this date.

Position description

The Department of City and Regional Planning (DCRP) invites applications for a tenure-track faculty position in "Design and Urban Transformation" at the rank of Assistant Professor, with an expected start date of July 1, 2026. DCRP is seeking a colleague who will contribute to charting new intellectual territory and reimagining urban design to confront 21st century challenges.

Design-related questions have never been more central to cities and urban planning. Pressing challenges like rapid urbanization, deindustrialization and shrinkage, climate change, growing needs for public space, changes in the nature of planning participation and democratization, and housing and homelessness demand new design frameworks and methods. We seek a scholar whose research engages highly creative and forward-thinking methods to address these contemporary urban challenges. The ideal candidate would open up new directions for urban design by pushing the boundaries of traditional design fields and/or through interdisciplinary approaches. We are open to scholars from fields including urban planning, urban design, public policy, the social sciences, engineering, the environmental sciences, and data science. Scholars whose research is based in diverse geographical areas also are encouraged to apply.

The Department has 16 faculty members, is highly ranked nationally and is particularly well known for its MCP and PhD graduates. For more information about DCRP see <https://ced.berkeley.edu/city>.

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Qualifications

Basic qualifications (required at time of application)

Applicants must have a Ph.D. (or equivalent international degree), or be enrolled in Ph.D. or equivalent

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international degree-granting program at the time of application.

Additional qualifications (required at time of start)

- Successful applicants should be able to teach core classes in the master's, doctoral and undergraduate programs, including interdisciplinary design studios, research methods courses, and courses on the history and theory of urban form and planning.
- Successful applicants should have the capacity to teach and mentor students from a broad range of backgrounds and disciplines.

Preferred qualifications

- The successful applicants are expected to develop a nationally or internationally recognized research program in urban design as applied to topics in the field of urban planning.
- We seek rising or established leaders from diverse fields including urban planning, urban design, landscape architecture, architecture, engineering, and data science.
- Candidates should demonstrate evidence of strong research productivity given their career stage, and a commitment to excellence in teaching and mentoring of undergraduates and graduate students.
- We are particularly interested in scholars with the ability to support the success of all students through inclusive curriculum, classroom environment, and pedagogy.

Application Requirements

Document requirements

- Curriculum Vitae - Your most recently updated C.V.
- Cover Letter - Explain the reasons for your interest in and alignment with the position.
- Statement of Research - Please discuss research accomplishments and proposed plans. This can include, for example, your publication record, awards, presentations, inclusive research practices that promote the excellence of your research, and areas for future research.
- Statement of Teaching and Mentoring - Please discuss prior teaching experience, teaching approach, and future teaching interests. This can include, for example, specific efforts and accomplishments, and future plans to support the success of all students through inclusive curriculum, classroom environment, and pedagogy. Please also discuss your mentoring experiences and approach. This can include, for example, past efforts and future plans to support the success of all students, and to foster an inclusive research environment that removes barriers

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and promotes equitable access and advancement of the research program.

- Statement of Service - Please discuss specific prior and proposed academic, professional and/or public service activities. This can include, for example, participating in professional or scientific associations, serving on committees that advance department, campus or discipline goals, and conducting outreach activities that can remove barriers and increase participation of academics in your field.
- Publication One - Copy of a publication or work-in-progress such as journal articles, book chapters, dissertation chapters, or other appropriate products.
- Publication Two - Copy of a publication or work-in-progress such as journal articles, book chapters, dissertation chapters, or other appropriate products.
- Publication Three - Copy of a publication or work-in-progress such as journal articles, book chapters, dissertation chapters, or other appropriate products.
- Authorization to Release Information Form - A reference check will be completed only if you are selected as the candidate to whom the hiring unit would like to extend a formal offer. Download, complete, sign, and upload the [Authorization to Release Information form](#).

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- 3 letters of reference required

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