The Università della Svizzera italiana (USI), established in 1996, is a young institution in a constant growth trend, always looking for new challenges according to its guiding values: quality, openness and responsibility. Present in various areas of study and research, USI offers its students a leading, engaging and interdisciplinary education and, at the same time, its professors, researchers and staff a privileged space of dialogue and freedom of initiatives.

In order to ensure a successful Design Studios teaching programme at the USI Academy of Architecture in Mendrisio, is seeking to fill two positions as

**Full Professor in Architectural design**

**Subject**
The teaching of Architectural Design at the USI Academy of Architecture in Mendrisio encourages a generalist vision of the discipline, aiming at a conscious balance between humanistic and technical approaches in its curriculum, and yet striving to give space and visibility to all cultural tendencies that are willing to understand and promote new transdisciplinary and diversified interests that intervene in the decision-making and design processes of both architecture and of its own environment and that redefine the role of architecture in contemporary society.

**Profile of the candidate**
The ideal candidate for the position has in principle obtained a degree in architecture from a Polytechnic institute or University, or a higher education qualification, and:
- demonstrates a solid and diversified experience in architectural design of buildings, with the necessary connection to the urban and/or territorial scale, and preferably at international level;
- proves extensive experience as a practising architect in the realisation of projects and in taking care of building process and construction details;
- demonstrates of a proven teaching experience at university level in the above-mentioned fields.

**Further Requirements**
- fluency in Italian and/or English and preferably in another Swiss national language;
- an explicit capacity in interaction with other professors from the historical-humanistic and technical-scientific disciplines.
Job description
The post-holder will be expected to:
• teach and run a Design Studio at all levels (BSc, MSc) and a Diploma Design Studio (MSc) and manage the related mid-term and final critiques, coordinating assistants and monitoring the students' work
• promote scientific research at the USI Academy of Architecture in her/his field of competence;
• take part in the faculty organisation (Faculty Board, Professors' Board, committees and other related tasks).
• contribute to the development of the USI Academy of Architecture Library in her/his field of competence;

Teaching and research load
The teaching load of a Full professor in Architectural Design at the USI Academy of Architecture in Mendrisio consists of teaching two Design Studios per academic year (Fall and Spring semester), 14 weeks each semester, with a presence of 1.5 days/week. To this must be added 0.5 days/week for Diploma-related teaching during the 2nd semester (Spring semester) and for the research activities throughout the year for a total overall commitment of at least 2 (two) days/week during the two academic semesters.

Teaching at USI
The Università della Svizzera italiana is aware of the various and different backgrounds of its employees and, as an institution that promotes diversity and inclusion, USI particularly encourages applications by female candidates and of all under-represented categories, at all levels of the academic career.

Salary and Contract
Salary will be defined according to terms and conditions as in the Statutes of the Università della Svizzera italiana: https://www.desk.usi.ch/en/regulations-general-terms-employment-academic-staff
The activity is scheduled to start during the academic year 2023-2024.

The Università della Svizzera italiana reserves the right to proceed with nominations by call or to make no nominations at all.

Application
The application is made by filling out the electronic form available at the link: https://form.arc.usi.ch/form/view.php?id=188543
and uploading the following digital documents (.pdf):
• one application/motivational letter addressed to the Director of the USI Academy of Architecture;
• a curriculum vitae with details of academic and scientific qualifications, realized projects, publications and any teaching, research and management experiences;
• a portfolio of realised projects;
• a maximum of 5 (five) publications that, according to the candidate, best demonstrate relevance to the job profile described in the present call for applications;
• three (3) professional and/or scientific references (names and contacts/addresses only)
The candidates that the USI Selection Committee will consider eligible will be called for a public lecture and interview to be held at the USI Accademia di architettura in Mendrisio within the spring semester of the academic year 2022/23.

**Deadline**
Submission of applications no later than Monday 28 November 2022

**Information**
Additional information can be received by contacting:

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