

## Call for PhD Positions

### Doctoral Positions in Architectural Humanities and Critical Urban Studies

Theory-oriented and Research- Led PhD Trajectories,

Land Use, Design and Built environment (LDB) track,

Land Use Planning, Management and Design (LPMD) Interdisciplinary PhD program

Funding is available for one or more multi-year Research Assistantship (RA) position within the Land Use, Design and Built environment (LDB) track of the Land Use Planning, Management and Design (LPMD) Interdisciplinary PhD program in Texas Tech University. Funding will be focused on one or more of the following areas:

**#01 Architectural Humanities**

**#02 Critical Urbanism**

**#03 Heritage Studies**

This interdisciplinary PhD research trajectory focuses on multi-scalar and trans-national questions arising at the intersection of architecture, history, heritage studies, urban design and spatial planning. The three trajectories aim to define the built environment as a collective form of knowledge shaped by cultural, social, political, and economic contexts.

The theory and history-oriented trajectories, conducted within the larger context of the interdisciplinary LDB track of the LPMD program, are dedicated to the systematic analysis of the built environment, theoretical speculation on, and critical writing over time and through history. Potential Doctoral project proposals will combine innovative methods of design research and traditional forms of research over time and through space, while challenging existing disciplinary boundaries and contributing to emerging spatial design paradigms and decolonialization knowledge through expanding new interdisciplinary perspectives.

For further enquiries, PhD applicants may contact Assistant professor Dr. Asma Mehan, College of Architecture, Texas Tech University as the main supervisor of the available post via email: [asma.mehan@ttu.edu](mailto:asma.mehan@ttu.edu).

To be eligible for funding, applicants must apply and be admitted to the LDB track of the LPMD program. Applications to the LPMD program must be submitted through this program link: <https://www.depts.ttu.edu/gradschool/Programs/INDS/LPMD.php>

In addition to the university-wide application material, to be considered for funding, please send the following material directly to Dr. Asma Mehan:

#### Submission Requirements

- **Cover letter (US Letter page)** The applicant should elaborate on the personal motivations, interests, and aspirations behind pursuing a PhD degree and describe the qualifications. The applicant should explicitly specify the area of focus and elaborate on how the applicant's research proposal pertains to this area.
- **Full CV:** The CV should contain comprehensive chronological information on your academic and professional experience, as well as any pertinent record of publication. (Do not include any information prior to the first year of your university-level education.)

- **Referees:** The CV should also include the names and contact information of three referents or recommenders. Also mention in which capacity they are familiar with your qualifications and capabilities (e.g., teacher, employer, colleague, etc.). Please do not enclose any letters of reference or recommendation in the proposal package. We will contact your referents/recommenders directly.
- **Research Proposal:** The proposal should include the following:
  - **I. Provisional Title:** this should form a general introduction to the project, framing it conceptually and/or thematically.
  - **II. Abstract:** Short summary (300 words), including 5 keywords.
  - **III. Question(s)/Hypothesis, Aims and Goals:** Clearly and succinctly spell out the question(s) or hypothesis that drive your research and carefully articulate the aims and ambitions of your proposed study.
  - **IV. Preliminary outline:** describe the overall intended structure of the PhD research and explain how it will address your question(s)/hypothesis.
  - **V. Disciplinary Approach:** Introduce your research methodology and position it in its larger disciplinary (or cross/or inter/or trans-disciplinary) framework.
  - **VI. Research significance:** Explain why this research is relevant and original and explain its overall contribution to the discourse of architecture.
  - **VII. Preliminary Bibliography:** Distinguish primary and secondary literature.
  - **VIII. Addendum:** (e.g., letter of Motivation, portfolio-type information) This can include anything you find relevant to giving a clear picture of yourself as a potential PhD candidate – an example might be a published text.

Document Length: The first draft research should be limited to +/- 1500 words (exclusive bibliography & addendum).

#### **Submission deadline, Selection Criteria & Funding**

Review of the applications starts on 20/10/2022 and continue until filled. Priorities will be given to applicants with high level of qualifications and interdisciplinary experiences and background in the field of architectural theory and history as well as related fields. Funding resources are available for partial to full support depending on qualifications and starting date. The preferred starting date for the post is spring semester 2023 and latest Fall 2023.

#### **General Info about the LMPD program**

Available funded Ph.D. positions in Architectural Humanities and Critical Urban studies will be Under the auspices of the Graduate School of the College of Architecture and The Land Use, Management, Planning, and Design (LMPD) Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) program. Therefore, admitted applicants will follow and successfully gain the required credits offered by Graduate School. The LMPD program draws upon inter/multi/transdisciplinary approaches to analyze, plan, manage, and design complex natural and built systems. The inter/transdisciplinary nature of the LMPD program encompasses many research areas. Students with an interest in issues of critical urban studies, urban history and theory, architectural humanities, community planning and design, urbanization, public policy administration, and critical heritage studies are encouraged to work together to take on global challenges involving land use. For more general information about application procedure please visit LMPD program link:

<https://www.depts.ttu.edu/gradschool/Programs/INDS/LPMD.php>

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