

JOB ANNOUNCEMENT | PATTERN DEVELOPER

POSITION OVERVIEW

The Pattern Developer collaborates with PFI's teachers and deputy director to create instructions and patterns to meet trends in customers and educational needs. The PD maintains the PFI aesthetic and works patterns through fit, construction and quality standards.

JOB DESCRIPTION

1. **Pattern team lead:** Review trend sites for new directions in garment silhouettes and fabrics. Pull together a team of sewing teachers and ACP students and grads. Meet quarterly to discuss current patterns and needs for new ones. Work with PFI's pattern pals to sew and test instructions and various pattern sizes.
2. **Lead patternmaker:** Use PFI fit-approved base slopers to draft pattern for new style. Hold fit sessions with pattern team to alter first pattern(s). Use PFI's grade rules to create size runs.
3. **Pattern party queen.** Work with Marketing Manager, Deputy Director and pattern team to plan pattern release celebrations. Time additional sewing events for new and existing patterns.
4. **Communicator extraordinaire.** Write operations and illustrate each step using W+K templates. Assume nothing when writing instructions. Create on-line versions of patterns. Work with Marketing Manager to create tutorials, videos and sew-alongs for each pattern. Create an on-line sewing blog.
5. **Set profitable strategy and direction.** No pattern shall be made without it passing the ROI test.

QUALIFICATIONS. Has:

- Two years experience in in both flat pattern making and Optitex PDS computer patterning system.
- Two years experience in fit and pattern alteration and pattern grading.
- Proven proficiency in Adobe Illustrator and InDesign software.
- Excellent human relations skills, including listening and making presentations in person and on camera.
- Ability to work under pressure, juggling many priorities and opinions.
- Certificate in apparel design. Experience in fashion design. Sews.

SALARY: \$35,000 base + commission

SUBMIT: If you feel you are a top performer and are up for our challenging, demanding and rigorous hiring process and would like to join a dynamic, growing company:

- Fill in the application form.
- Write a one-page cover letter showing how your knowledge, skills and abilities address each point in the job description and qualifications plus why you are the best person for this position.
- Upload your cover letter and resume.

APPLY NOW

Become a part of the PFI team

Portland Fashion Institute, LLC is a growth company that seeks team members to grow with it. PFI offers a generous rewards package, casual work environment, a diverse and inclusive culture and opportunities for professional development. Qualified applicants will receive consideration without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, veteran status or disability.

PFI does more than train and launch makers into a life of fashion design. It aims to make Portland, Oregon, a market center for the apparel industry.

It is connected. PFI offers what no one else in this area offers: Apparel courses taught by apparel professionals. Teachers come from Columbia Sportswear, Keen Footwear, Mercy Corps NW, Portland Opera and Kroger Corporation and more. PFI advisory board members come from Adidas, Columbia Sportswear, Nike and Shibui Knits.

It is creative. Some of PFI's more than 6,000 students have started clothing lines, opened boutiques, competed and won *Project Runway* plus landed jobs at one many apparel companies.

It is complete. PFI offers three certificates: Apparel Designer, Technical Developer and Apparel Entrepreneur. It is a licensed Oregon career school and near national accreditation.

It is awesome. PFI is a 5-star rated school. We exceed expectations, deliver beyond what's expected. We love our students and our community. From reviews, it's clear they love us back.

The **PD** is very much responsible for carrying forward **that spirit** as PFI grows through the future. The **PD** uses skills and passion to a grow PFI as it meets a challenging and constantly evolving apparel scene.

VISION

To make Portland, Oregon a market center for the apparel industry.

WHAT WE DO

Portland Fashion Institute, LLC aims to be the best education center for apparel in the USA. Our teachers work in apparel. Our goal is to exceed expectations while giving students a fun and rewarding experience. We are all things fashion.

PFI'S CORE VALUES:

- * Sharing what we know at a reasonable price
 - * Promoting fashion ethics
 - * Changing people's lives
 - * Passing along a tradition
 - * Supporting diversity
 - * Inspiring enthusiasm
 - * Having fun