Texas Tech University  
College of Visual & Performing Arts  
School of Art  

Vacancy Announcement  
VISITING ASSISTANT PROFESSOR IN ART FOUNDATIONS  

Position Number:  T#88538  
Appointment:  One year, fall 2019 – spring 2020  
Application Deadline:  Review of applicants will begin July 25, and will continue until the position is filled  
Salary:  Commensurate with qualifications and experience  

Major/Essential Functions:  
The Texas Tech University School of Art (TTU SOA) is accepting applications for a one-year Visiting Assistant Professor in Art Foundations appointment for the 2019-2020 academic term. Duties include teaching a 4/4 course load spanning all aspects of Undergraduate Art Foundations, including introductory courses in Drawing, 2D Design and 3D Design. Opportunities to train Graduate Teaching Assistants may also be available and are dependent upon the applicant’s qualifications. Other responsibilities may include participation in organizing School of Art outreach activities, such as Open House, Art Festival and High School recruitment events. Additional duties include consulting with the faculty on program’s curricular activities, general assistance in managing drawing or design studios, and attending occasional school-wide meetings, as requested.

The TTU SOA Art Foundations program values critical thinking, technical dexterity, and interdisciplinary approach. We promote both depth and breadth. We provide academic mentorship and resources to fortify students’ creative practice. Art Foundations courses in Art History further propel this development, fostering fluidity between making and thinking.

The successful candidate will be equipped with skills to work with students on observational drawing, conceptual development, ideation, craft and critical thinking consistent with the program’s curriculum. With regard for artistic research, the successful candidate’s work will demonstrate conceptual and formal strength. We are interested in contemporary art and design practices that consider technology, community, environment, diversity, interdisciplinary collaboration, business and/or entrepreneurship in the field of studio art, graphic design, medical/scientific illustration, 3D modeling and animation.

Preferred Qualifications:  
While an MFA in Studio Art is expected, candidates who hold equivalent professional degree or have a substantial experience in one of these fields—Graphic Design, Illustration, 3D Modeling and Animation may be considered. Experience working with diverse student populations and first-generation students is highly desirable. A minimum of 3 years’ teaching experience at the university or college level is preferred.

The School of Art is NASAD accredited and offers the BA in Art History, BA in Art, the BFA in Studio Art, Graphic Design, and Visual Studies (teacher certification), the MAE, the MFA in Studio Art, MA in Art History, and the Ph.D. in Fine Arts with a major in Art termed “Critical Studies and Artistic Practice.” A faculty of 31 full-time professors serves approximately 250 undergraduate students and 60 students involved in graduate study. The School has many prominent alumni, including Caleb Bennett, John Hitchcock, Rob Wilson, Ken Little, Real Musgrave, Lana Rigsby, and Cole Welter. Technical and administrative support includes a total of 13 staff positions. The School’s Visual Resource Center
maintains art reference books, current art periodicals, instructional media, digital classrooms, and a legacy slide collection, as well as an expanding collection of digital images for teaching and research. Additional images are available through ARTStor and online at the university library. The program also supports the Landmark Arts Galleries and the Standing Room Only Photography Gallery (SRO). For more information, visit www.art.ttu.edu.

The J.T. & Margaret Talkington College of Visual & Performing Arts comprises the School of Art, the School of Music, and the School of Theatre & Dance, accredited by NASAD, NASM, NAST, and NASD, respectively. TTU is the only public university in the state accredited in all four arts areas, and boasts many acclaimed alumni, including Susan Graham, Terry Cook, Ann Sanders, G.W. Bailey, Barry Corbin, Jennifer Smith, Scott Dadich, Susanne Klotz and D.J. Stout. With more than 120 faculty members and approximately 1,100 students, the College offers a comprehensive range of undergraduate and graduate degree programs, including the terminal M.F.A., D.M.A., and Ph.D. degrees. Our unique Ph.D. program in Fine Arts provides interdisciplinary education in the visual & performing arts combined with philosophical aesthetics. For more information, visit www.vpa.ttu.edu.

Texas Tech University, established in 1923, is a Carnegie Highest Research Activity university and the largest comprehensive institution of higher education in the western two thirds of the state (a region larger than 46 of the nation’s 50 states). The university’s 1,839-acre Spanish Renaissance style campus, which serves approximately 36,000 students, is the only one in Texas that is home to a major university, law school and medical school. Lubbock, the hub of the South Plains, has a multicultural area population of almost 300,000 and offers a quality living experience with a semi-arid climate and housing costs below the national average. Texas Tech University recently surpassed the Hispanic student population threshold necessary for designation as a Hispanic Serving Institution (HSI). The city supports a symphony orchestra; several museums; the Louise Hopkins Underwood Center for the Arts; numerous galleries; and a variety of music, dance, and theatre performances. Lubbock’s airport offers direct flights to Austin, Dallas/Fort Worth, Houston, Denver, and Las Vegas.

Equal Employment Opportunity Policy:
As an Equal Employment Opportunity/Affirmative Action employer, Texas Tech University is dedicated to the goal of building a culturally diverse faculty committed to teaching and working in a multicultural environment. We actively encourage applications from all those who can contribute, through their research, teaching, and/or service, to the diversity and excellence of the academic community at Texas Tech University. The university welcomes applications from minorities, women, protected veterans, persons with disabilities, dual-career couples.

Apply online at http://www.texastech.edu/careers/
Submit separate PDFs for this job application in the following list. A complete application will include:

1. A letter of application addressing the essential and preferred qualifications
2. Curriculum Vitae
3. One-page Research Statement
4. One-page Teaching Philosophy
5. Transcripts (unofficial) of all university and college coursework
6. List of three references (name, title, relationship to applicant, email address, and phone number)
7. A single PDF: 15 images or 5 external video links of your creative and/or professional work that are clearly labeled and described (Title, Medium, Dimensions, Year Completed)
8. A single PDF: 15 images or 5 external video links of student work that are clearly labeled and described with relevant assignment and course information (Title, Medium, Dimensions, Year Completed) In case of professional candidates without teaching experience, demo reels and sample work for clients would be accepted.
9. Other Documents: sample syllabi and/or evaluations of teaching, if available

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