

Call for Applications: Director of the Humanities Center at Texas Tech

The Office of the Provost calls for applications from tenured Texas Tech faculty in the humanities, broadly defined, for the position of Director of the Humanities Center at Texas Tech. This is a three-year administrative appointment, with the possibility of renewal for a second three-year term, conditional upon a two-thirds majority vote of support from the Center's Advisory Board.

The Director is responsible for the Humanities Center's day-to-day operations, including managing Center staff, programs and events, convening meetings of the Center's faculty Advisory Board, promoting the Center's activities, and pursuing development opportunities in support of the Center's mission. Throughout their term of service, the Director will receive one course release per semester as well as an administrative stipend funded through the Provost's office.

In the fall of the sitting Director's third year, the Director will either declare their intention to continue for another term or convene a subcommittee of the Advisory Board, consisting of at least five members, to perform a search for a new director. In the case of the former, the Provost's office will convene a meeting of the full Advisory Board for which the current director will provide an executive summary of the Center's status under their directorship, and at which the Board will discuss the sitting Director's record and vote on whether to offer them a subsequent term. In the case of the latter, under the aegis of the Provost's office, the subcommittee will solicit nominations for the Directorship and evaluate dossiers, and interview applicants, before making a recommendation to the Provost's office.

Applicants for the Directorship should submit the following by February 13, 2026:

- A letter of application (no more than five pages) detailing the candidate's managerial and academic experience, outlining their view of the role of the humanities in society and on campus, and presenting their vision for the future of the Humanities Center at Texas Tech;
- A CV of no more than 4 pages, highlighting relevant experience;
- A letter from the candidate's Chair and Dean affirming the candidate's ability to serve the full term, allowing the candidate to be released from courses (funds will be provided back to the home unit to cover the course buyout) as outlined above.

These materials should be emailed as a unified .pdf to humanitiescenter@ttu.edu.

A five-member committee from the Humanities Center's Advisory Board will review these materials in conversation with the Office of the Provost and schedule finalist interviews for February-March 2026, before making a recommendation to the Provost. The incoming Director

will shadow the sitting Director in the late spring and summer of 2026 before assuming the Directorship at the beginning of the Fall 2026 semester.