

Assistant Professor, School of Journalism and Media
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Department	8M100: School Of Journalism and Media
Institution	University of Kentucky Lexington, Kentucky
Date Posted	Sep. 27, 2024
Application Deadline	Open until filled
Position Start Date	Available immediately
Job Categories	Assistant Professor
Academic Field(s)	Communications/Journalism (all)
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Job Description

Tenure-track Assistant Professor Position in Media Arts and Studies

Job Summary

The award-winning School of Journalism and Media at the University of Kentucky seeks to hire an outstanding faculty member in the Media Arts and Studies (MAS) sequence. An active research program in a media studies-related area is required. The successful candidate will teach undergraduate courses including but not limited to media research methods, film and television studies, or media policy, as well as theoretical and practical courses in the candidate's areas of expertise. The faculty member is also expected to contribute to the teaching of graduate courses at the master's and doctoral levels.

In addition to a record of teaching excellence and scholarly work, professional experience is desired. Applicants should hold a Ph.D. degree or terminal degree in communication, media, or a related field by the date of hire. Preferred qualifications include a demonstrated ability and desire to work with

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students from diverse cultural backgrounds and first-generation students. This position is designed as an Assistant Professor Rank, Regular Title Series, Tenure-track, 9-month assignment. Faculty in the Regular Title Series with an active scholarly program typically teach two courses per semester. Review of applications begins September 3, 2024. Contingent on the successful candidate's availability, the anticipated start is January 1, 2025, otherwise the anticipated start date is August 16, 2025.

Our Commitment to Diversity

We are committed to recruitment, retention, and representation strategies and practices to increase the presence of underrepresented individuals. Our commitment applies to all candidates inclusive of race, color, creed, religion, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity and gender expression, age, marital status, disability, or status as a protected veteran.

About the School

The School of Journalism and Media is recognized for its accomplishments in academic scholarship and professional areas. The School offers B.A. and B.S. degrees in two areas of study: journalism (print/multimedia, broadcast/multimedia, sports/multimedia) and media arts and studies. The School is fully ACEJMC accredited, and has served as the home for the Institute for Rural Journalism since 2004. The School also participates in the graduate program of the College that includes the M.A. and Ph.D. in communication.

Students learn first-hand working at the award-winning Kentucky Kernel newspaper, KRNL Lifestyle and Fashion magazine and the Kentucky Kernel Year in Photos. Also, there are great opportunities at WRFL, WUKY and Wildcat News, our award-winning student newscast. School alumni include Pulitzer, Emmy, Murrow, and Oscar winners and current media makers with ESPN, CBS, NBC, NPR, CNN, EA, The Washington Post, and local media outlets around the country.

The School also promotes the free flow of information through its Scripps Howard First Amendment Center. Since 1981, the School has been the home of the Kentucky Journalism Hall of Fame.

About the College

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The College of Communication and Information is composed of two schools (The School of Journalism and Media, School of Information Science), two departments (Department of Communication, Department of Integrated Strategic Communication) and an interdisciplinary graduate program. More than 2,000 undergraduate majors and 350 graduate students are led by more than 100 full-time faculty, who also teach in the university's core curriculum and serve students pursuing minors and certificates in the College. The College also houses UK's independent student newspaper, The Kentucky Kernel, and the championship-winning Intercollegiate Debate Team.

About the University

Located in the vibrant city of Lexington, the University of Kentucky is a public, land-grant institution that plays a critical leadership role in promoting diversity, inclusion, economic development, and human well-being. The campus is home to more than 33,000 students, more than 2,500 faculty members, and nearly 14,000 staff members. The university is one of just eight in the country with a major academic health center and a full spectrum of academic colleges and professional schools on one contiguous campus. As such, the University of Kentucky is an incubator for interdisciplinary research. These collaborations allow researchers to address the rapidly changing needs of a global society.

According to Forbes magazine's 2023 America's Best Large Employers list, the University of Kentucky ranked sixth out of 500 companies. In addition, for a sixth straight year, the University of Kentucky has appeared on ModernThink's list of Great Colleges to Work For. As a leader among employers, the University of Kentucky offers a comprehensive benefits package. For more details, please visit

<https://hr.uky.edu/employment/our-benefits>

About Lexington

Featured on the U.S. News & World Report's list of best places to live in 2023, the City of Lexington is a great place to not only live, but also work and study. With a population of roughly 320,000, Lexington offers both the warmth and lower cost of living of a small city and the amenities you would enjoy in a larger city, including the arts, cultural events, and a thriving dining scene. <https://www.visitlex.com/>

Application materials should include:

1. Letter of application (attached as Cover Letter)
2. Curriculum Vita
3. Evidence of teaching excellence (attached as Specific Request 1)
4. Contact information for three references when prompted in the application process.

*Please note that references will not be contacted without prior consent.

Application review will begin **September 3, 2024**, and continue until the position is filled.

Questions regarding the position may be directed to Search Committee Chair Dr. Zixue Tai at ztai2@uky.edu



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Contact Information

Please reference Academickeys in your cover letter when applying for or inquiring about this job announcement.

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