

Texas Tech University
Chair, Department of English

The Department of English at Texas Tech University invites applications for the position of chairperson to begin July 15, 2012. Applicants should have academic credentials commensurate with appointment to the rank of tenured full professor and must have strong administrative, research, and teaching records. We are looking for a judicious scholar-administrator of national or international reputation who can contribute to one or more of the department's core areas of research and teaching, work cooperatively with faculty and students of diverse disciplines, and demonstrate experience with managing budgets, supervising instructors and staff, and assessing academic programs. This individual will guide the administration of programs in composition and rhetoric, creative writing, film, linguistics, literary studies, and technical communication. The successful candidate must be able to provide leadership in realizing the department's strategic vision, promoting the humanities, addressing the challenges of public higher education, and cultivating civic engagement.

It is expected that the chair, like all new faculty, will be engaged in scholarship or creative activity that attracts outside funding in the form of fellowships, grants, exhibits, and similar kinds of support.

The Department of English is large (52 faculty, 500 undergraduate majors, 150 graduate students), dynamic, and diverse, with B.A., M.A., and Ph.D. degrees in English and B.A., M.A., and Ph.D. degrees in Technical Communication. We lead the university in online education. The department also cooperates in interdepartmental programs in linguistics and comparative literature at both the undergraduate and the graduate levels. The department supports three scholarly journals (*Conradiana*, *The Eighteenth Century: Theory and Interpretation*, and *Technical Communication Quarterly*), and three literary journals (*32 Poems*, *Harbinger*, and *Iron Horse Literary Review*) as well as the Digital Humanities Lab, the LetterPress Lab, the Multiple Literacies Lab, and the Usability Research Lab. We have hosted several national conferences and will host the Western American Literature Conference in November 2012. For more information, please visit www.english.ttu.edu.

Texas Tech University is a growing state-supported institution, with a law school and medical school as well as colleges of Arts and Sciences, Agriculture, Architecture, Business Administration, Engineering, Human Sciences, Mass Communications, and Visual and Performing Arts. The College of Arts and Sciences represents 35% of the total enrollment of 31,000.

Candidates must apply online at jobs.texastech.edu, attaching a letter of application and curriculum vitae. Letters of recommendation will be solicited later from exceptionally qualified candidates. Please direct inquiries to John Zak, Associate Dean of Arts & Sciences, at john.zak@ttu.edu.

TTU is an Equal Opportunity /Affirmative Action Employer, and it encourages applications from minorities and women.