

Assistant Professor, Tenure Track Composition Studies/ Professional Writing

The concentration of Composition Studies and Professional Writing in the Department of English at The University of Memphis invites applications for a tenure-track position at the rank of assistant professor to begin fall 2012. Established in 1999, the concentration in Composition Studies and Professional Writing teaches students in our BA, MA, and PhD degree programs, with classes that address communication in multi-media, technology, science, medicine, academia, public discourse, and diversity. We seek colleagues willing to participate in strengthening programs based on the interrelationships among discourse, rhetoric, and professional writing. Applications will be enhanced by demonstrated expertise in medical rhetoric/writing, composition program administration, basic writing, technical writing, diversity, or other areas that help strengthen the concentration in Composition Studies/Professional Writing.

Requirements include a PhD in Writing Studies, Rhetoric and Composition, Technical Communication, or related discipline. Additional requirements include:

- evidence of excellent teaching,
- a commitment to serving the needs of a diverse student population,
- a collegial attitude for department and university service, and
- a focused research agenda that includes publications or potential for publication.

New faculty will be expected to advise graduate students, to pursue research productivity, and to teach undergraduate and graduate courses. Salary will be competitive. We anticipate conducting phone interviews starting in December; candidates for whom phone interviewing is a handicap may request alternative interviewing arrangements. Review of applications will begin Oct. 30, and continue until positions are filled.

To apply, candidates should submit all application materials online <http://workforum.memphis.edu> (search for posting #2792). Application materials include:

- a detailed cover letter,
- current CV,
- statement of teaching philosophy,
- writing sample (20-25 pages),
- a reference list for three recommendation letters, and
- copy of transcripts for each graduate degree held. Unofficial transcripts are acceptable for the application. The successful candidate will be required to submit official transcripts upon hire.

The University of Memphis, a Tennessee Board of Regents Institution, is an Equal Employment/Affirmative Action Employer. We urge all qualified applicants to apply for this position. Appointment will be based on qualifications as they relate to position requirements without regard to race, color, national origin, religion, sex, age, disability, or veteran status. We seek candidates who will contribute to the climate of diversity in the department and in the University, in which students and faculty facilitate constructive dialogue in the classroom and community to inspire responsible citizenship in a diverse world.