

NOTICE OF VACANCY

POSITION TITLE: Assistant Professor of English in Composition
(Tenure Track)

SALARY: \$53,000.00

REPORTS TO: Dean of the School of Arts and Humanities

BENEFITS: Institutional fringe package includes pension plans, life, health, dental and vision insurance

POSITION DETAILS: Full-time; Exempt

RANK: Assistant Professor, Tenure Track

HOURS: Dependent upon class times and faculty responsibilities.

START DATE: Fall 2026

SUPERVISORY DUTIES: N/A

POSITION SUMMARY: The School of Arts and Humanities at the University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma, the state's public liberal arts university, invites applications for a tenure-track Assistant Professor of English specializing in Composition and Literature. We seek a dynamic teacher scholar committed to the teaching of writing, interdisciplinary collaboration, and the mentorship of undergraduate students within a liberal arts environment. The successful candidate will teach first-year composition as well as rhetoric, technical/professional writing, and literature courses in the English curriculum, contribute to the continued development of the writing program, and demonstrate ongoing scholarly or pedagogical engagement appropriate to a teaching-focused institution. The candidate will also play an active role in shaping writing instruction within the department and supporting USAO's broader liberal arts mission.

The English program offers an interdisciplinary approach to writing and literature that emphasizes close mentorship, small class environments, and opportunities for students to develop as thoughtful writers across a range of academic and public contexts. Faculty collaborate across the humanities to support student success and cultivate a strong culture of writing within the undergraduate curriculum. Faculty are encouraged to team-teach IDS courses in support of the university's unique mission.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

Teach a 4/4 load, assist student advisors as needed in regard to English programs, engage with students in extracurricular clubs and events, assist with the continuous improvement of English programs, and contribute to the department's goals. The

successful candidate will demonstrate a collaborative spirit and enthusiasm for engaging with colleagues across disciplines and actively supporting USAO's liberal arts mission.

QUALIFICATIONS, EDUCATION & EXPERIENCE:

Required: PhD in Composition or similar required by start date. Preferred: evidence of ongoing scholarly activity in the field; experience teaching undergraduates and developing curriculum; experience mentoring undergraduate writers; experience/familiarity with Writing Across the Curriculum initiatives.

ABOUT USAO: The University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma (USAO) is a public liberal arts college located in Chickasha, Oklahoma, about 40 minutes from Oklahoma City, and is a member of the Council of Public Liberal Arts Colleges (COPLAC). It is charged by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education "to provide an outstanding general education program for the State of Oklahoma with strong offerings in the liberal arts and sciences. The experience will feature interdisciplinary team-teaching and will extend throughout the undergraduate experience. To support this charge USAO is directed "to assemble a faculty whose interests, knowledge, and experiences transcend their specialized fields of graduate study and who are dedicated to liberal arts education." For more information about USAO, see www.usao.edu.

TO APPLY:

Complete the USAO application at (<https://usao.edu/about/personnel.html>). Upon completing the USAO application, please attach a letter of interest, detailed resume, 3 professional/academic references, and any necessary transcripts to hr@usao.edu.

Application review begins immediately and will continue until position is filled. Employment is contingent upon the results of a national criminal and sex offender background check.

AN AFFIRMATIVE ACTION/EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER

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