

NOTICE OF VACANCY

Position Title: Assistant/Associate Professor of Video Production and Interdisciplinary Studies

SALARY: \$53,000.00 - \$60,000.00

REPORTS TO: Dean of the School of Arts and Humanities

BENEFITS: Institutional fringe package includes health, dental, & vision coverage, life insurance, FSA, and retirement plans.

POSITION DETAILS: Full-time; FLSA Exempt

START DATE: August 2026

RANK: Dependent on qualifications

SUPERVISORY DUTIES: None

POSITION SUMMARY: The School of Arts and Humanities at the University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma seeks applicants for a tenure-track position in Film & Media that will serve broadly in the areas of Art, Communication, and Marketing. The successful candidate will be an interdisciplinary scholar/practitioner of media, film, and/or communication whose work engages media in their cultural, historical, technological, and global capacity. Candidates should have clearly defined research and/or creative specialization and the capacity to teach broadly across media studies.

ESSENTIAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Faculty responsibilities include a 4/4 undergraduate teaching load or combination of teaching and coordination duties to be discussed with successful candidates, advisement, supervision of undergraduate video production, as well as school and university service. There may be opportunities for team-teaching in the interdisciplinary core curriculum. Creative/scholarly activity, broadly defined, is expected.

The successful candidate will serve as the Film & Media Program Coordinator. In this role they will collaborate with the Dean to shape the academic vision and manage the daily operations of the media program and work closely with faculty across the university, particularly in the Communication and Marketing programs, to ensure that these programs are current, relevant, and effective in preparing graduates for the workforce or further study. Key responsibilities include curriculum design, program development, and coordinating work among faculty, students, and industry partners.

Curriculum Development & Academic Leadership

- Collaborate with the Dean to design, evaluate, and update film/media curriculum to align with industry practices and emerging trends.
- Collaborate within an interdisciplinary program including but not limited to Art, Communication, and Marketing to create programs that reach a broad student population.
- Assist in the creation of courses, concentrations, or certificates that expand the program's reach.
- Maintain program assessment records and support accreditation processes.

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Program & Faculty Coordination

- Serve as the primary liaison among faculty, students, and university administration.
- Coordinate with the dean for course scheduling, classroom and lab usage, and equipment needs.
- Support faculty with curricular consistency, program planning, and instructional resources.

Student & Industry Engagement

- Provide academic guidance to students, supporting their progress and connecting them with internship and industry opportunities.
- Help organize guest lectures and workshops that enrich the academic environment.
- Develop and maintain industry partnerships to strengthen career pathways for students.

Instructional Contributions

- Deliver lectures, workshops, or special topic sessions in areas of expertise. Offer mentorship to students through capstone projects, portfolio reviews, and critiques.

Administrative & Operational Duties

- Assist in budget tracking, purchasing, and program resource allocation.
- Contribute to reports, proposals, and strategic planning efforts led by the Dean.
- Support long-term growth and visibility of the program through outreach and collaborations.

QUALIFICATIONS:

Terminal degree preferred (some exceptions may be made for industry experience). A minimum of 2-5 years' work experience required. Understanding of a university setting and priorities preferred. Ability to work closely and cooperatively with students and faculty. Successful candidate must have extensive knowledge of video/film as well as current technology and developments in the field, such as post-production processes including video editing (including Adobe Premiere, Davinci or comparable software), and must be able to select and maintain film/video equipment and supplies to serve the University's needs. Additional knowledge and expertise video productions with multimedia support for instruction preferred. We welcome candidates whose research and teaching interests fall in one or more of the following areas:

- Media & film industry studies
- Video Production and Post-Production Experience
- Visual culture
- Content development & Marketing Experience
- Other areas within media, culture, and communications that complement the existing strengths of the department

Excellent written and oral communications skills required. Successful candidate must demonstrate a high degree of individual initiative and observe high standards of personal and professional integrity. Candidates should possess communication and interpersonal skills sufficient to work effectively with a diverse array of students and colleagues, and a disposition suited to the unique interdisciplinary learning environment of USAO. Employment is contingent upon a satisfactory background check.

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

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