Assistant Professor, Tenure-Eligible
Radio/Television/Film

The Department of Radio/Television/Film at Northwestern University is searching for a tenure-eligible faculty member, at the rank of Assistant Professor in the areas of Playwriting/Screenwriting/Television Writing. We seek to recruit an individual engaged in impactful and visionary work in dramatic writing. We welcome applicants with expertise in areas including, but not limited to, underrepresented voices, comedy, interactive media, and film production. Our intention is to recruit individuals with a track record of, or potential to develop, cutting-edge programmatic research to move the field forward. The successful candidate will be expected to teach in the undergraduate writing program. Our department has strong ties to the Department of Theatre, the Department of Performance Studies, and The Department of Communication Studies.

Preferred Start Date:  September 1, 2024

Qualifications:

1. MFA Degree (or equivalent professional experience)
2. At least one year of teaching at the University Level
3. Notable writing credits in some combination of television/film/theatre/interactive media

Duties:

- Teaching classes in the RTVF dramatic writing curriculum
- Service to the Department of Radio/Television/Film
- Curriculum development for the undergraduate dramatic writing sequence

Salary:  Competitive, depending on qualifications and experience.

Application procedure: Applications will only be accepted via online submission to our faculty recruiting system. Please including the following materials in your application: a cover letter describing your teaching, research interests and experience, a current vita, three contacts for letters of recommendation, two work samples, and a teaching portfolio including teaching evaluations, sample syllabi, and other relevant materials. Forward questions to the Search Committee Chair, Erin Courtney. For more information about Radio/Television/Film, please visit us online.

The School: The School of Communication has five departments and offers a suite of interdisciplinary undergraduate, professional, and graduate programs. The departments span the communication arts and sciences including the Department of Radio-Television-Film, the Roxelyn and Richard Pepper Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders, the Department of Communication Studies, the Department of Performance Studies, and the Department of Theatre (which includes music theatre and dance). The faculty of over 190 includes 109 tenure-eligible faculty. The school offers instruction to roughly 1200 undergraduate majors and 700 graduate and professional students. Founded over 130 years
ago, the school has been a leader in developing the communication disciplines and professions, and continues to be a center of excellence in the communication arts and sciences. Our current Dean is E. Patrick Johnson.

The University: Northwestern University is one of the nation’s largest private research universities. Located on the shore of Lake Michigan, the main campus is in Evanston and the medical campus is 12 miles south in downtown Chicago. There is continuing expansion of University facilities and programs, particularly in the sciences and medicine. Diverse cultural, social, and recreational activities abound on and near each campus.

Application Deadline: November 3, 2023. For full consideration, applications should be submitted by the deadline, but review of applications will continue until the position is filled.

“Northwestern strongly recommends COVID-19 vaccinations and boosters for people who can obtain them as a critical tool for minimizing severe illness. More information can be found on the COVID-19 and Campus Updates webpage.”

The Northwestern campus sits on the traditional homelands of the people of the Council of Three Fires, the Ojibwe, Potawatomi, and Odawa as well as the Menominee, Miami and Ho-Chunk nations. We acknowledge and honor the original people of the land upon which Northwestern University stands, and the Native people who remain on this land today.

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Hiring is contingent upon eligibility to work in the United States. For more information, please visit the University’s Policy on Institutional Equity.

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