Theatre & Performance: Contractually-Limited Term Appointment

The Department of Arts, Culture and Media at the University of Toronto Scarborough (UTSC) invites applications for a Contractually-Limited Term Appointment (CLTA) in the area of Theatre and Performance. The appointment will be at the rank of Assistant Professor, for a three-year term beginning July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2023. An additional one-year renewal may be possible.

Applicants must have an MFA or Ph.D in the area of Theatre, Drama or Performance Studies or a closely related discipline at the time of appointment, or shortly thereafter, with a demonstrated record of excellence in research or professional creative practice, in addition to teaching. The successful candidate will be expected to teach in the Theatre & Performance program and to direct student productions annually and must have experience directing text-based, devised, or community-engaged theatre. In addition, the successful candidate must have expertise in theatre history, dramatic literature, intercultural and global theatre, Canadian theatre, Applied Theatre, or acting. Candidates must also demonstrate an aptitude for working within our interdisciplinary arts department where horizontal connections among faculty of different fields are encouraged: see http://www.utsc.utoronto.ca/acm/acm-research-themes.

The successful candidate will be expected to undertake research and/or creative professional activity at the highest international level and to establish an outstanding, competitive, and externally funded program of research or practice-based work. Candidates must provide evidence of excellence in research or professional creative practice as demonstrated by a record of publications in top-ranked and field relevant journals or forthcoming publications meeting high international standards, the submitted research statement, presentations at significant conferences, awards and accolades, or other forms of peer recognition for creative work, international recognition through critical reception and arts grant support. Evidence of excellence must also be provided via strong endorsements from referees of high standing.

Candidates must also demonstrate an ongoing commitment to excellence in teaching. Evidence of excellence in teaching must be provided through teaching accomplishments, the teaching dossier including positive student evaluations, a teaching statement, sample course syllabi, and documentation indicating innovation in any other teaching related activities, such as leading workshops or seminars. The successful candidate will teach and supervise students at the undergraduate level. The successful candidate will participate in curriculum development and
departmental and university committee work in order to contribute to program and departmental initiatives. Experience in these areas is most welcome. Candidates are also expected to show evidence of a commitment to equity, diversity, inclusion, and the promotion of a respectful and collegial learning and working environment demonstrated through the application materials.

Salary will be commensurate with qualifications and experience.

The University of Toronto offers the opportunity to conduct research, teach, and live in one of the most diverse cities of the world. The appointment is at the University of Toronto Scarborough, which is a research-intensive campus with an interdisciplinary commitment, a multicultural student body, and a modern campus. The Department of Arts, Culture and Media at UTSC is a unique multi-disciplinary research and teaching environment, with programs in Art History and Visual Culture; Arts Management; Curatorial Studies; Journalism (Joint Program); Media, Journalism and Digital Cultures; New Media Studies (Joint Program); Music and Culture; Studio Art; and Theatre and Performance: see http://www.utsc.utoronto.ca/acm/. The successful candidate will be expected to maintain a strong program of research and to articulate and implement a vision for developing new research initiatives and relationships within this diverse context.

All qualified candidates are invited to apply by clicking on the link below. Applicants must submit 1) a cover letter, 2) a complete and current curriculum vita, 3) a research statement outlining current and future research interests, 4) image or video documentation of recent work 5) a teaching dossier including documentation of excellence in teaching as described above. For images and/or videos that are beyond the size limit of the application system (8.3 MB per attachment), please send a request for a separate upload link to TapsCLTA@utsc.utoronto.ca. All other application materials must be submitted through the online application system.

We seek candidates who value diversity and whose research, teaching and service bear out our commitment to equity. Candidates are therefore also asked to submit a 1-2 page statement of contributions to equity and diversity, which might cover topics such as (but not limited to): research or teaching that incorporates a focus on underrepresented communities, the development of inclusive pedagogies, or the mentoring of students from underrepresented groups. For more context about the University of Toronto’s commitment to diversity, see http://www.president.utoronto.ca/presidents-statement-on-diversity-and-inclusion. Note as well the Department of Arts, Culture & Media’s own Equity and Diversity in the Arts Initiative: https://www.utsc.utoronto.ca/acm/equity-and-diversity-arts.

Applicants must also arrange to have three letters of reference sent directly by the referee via email (on letterhead and signed) to TapsCLTA@utsc.utoronto.ca by the closing date. If you have questions about this position, please email TapsCLTA@utsc.utoronto.ca.

Submission guidelines can be found at http://uoft.me/how-to-apply. Please combine your attached documents into one or two files in PDF/MS Word format. If you have any questions about this position, please contact TapsCLTA@utsc.utoronto.ca. All applications must be submitted online.
All application materials, including reference letters, must be received by January 23, 2020.

The University of Toronto is strongly committed to diversity within its community and especially welcomes applications from racialized persons / persons of colour, women, Indigenous / Aboriginal People of North America, persons with disabilities, LGBTQ persons, and others who may contribute to the further diversification of ideas.

As part of your application, you will be asked to complete a brief Diversity Survey. This survey is voluntary. Any information directly related to you is confidential and cannot be accessed by search committees or human resources staff. Results will be aggregated for institutional planning purposes. For more information, please see http://uoft.me/UP.

All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply; however, Canadians and permanent residents will be given priority.