Faculty Vacancy Announcement

Department: Fine Arts
Position: Assistant Professor of Art, Full-time, tenure-track, 10-month position
Salary: Negotiable within the range established in the Collective Bargaining Agreement ($40,000 to $56,000)
Union Affiliation: MEA/MFT
Posting Date: December 15, 2014
Start Date: August 1, 2015

Description

The University of Montana Western seeks creative applicants for a tenure-track Assistant Professor position focusing on Glass and other 3D Visual Arts in its Fine Arts Department. With its Experience One block scheduling system, Montana Western offers faculty the uninterrupted extended time periods important for guiding their students to high levels of artistic attainment.

Responsibilities

Duties include teaching a total of three four-credit courses per semester in glass, ceramics, sculpture, and entry level classes for majors and non-majors. Most teaching would occur in the recently renovated Emerick Art Studio. The faculty member will also be responsible for managing the glass and ceramics studio areas and for ordering supplies and requesting equipment and repairs, as necessary. They must also be willing to work collegially with faculty, staff, and students from all areas of campus.

Faculty workload includes teaching, advising, student learning outcomes assessment, scholarly/creative activities and professional service at both the department and university levels. This faculty position will be responsible for routine 3D studio maintenance and supervision of the use of the Emerick Art Studio and its equipment.

Qualifications

Required:
An earned M.F.A. with a specialization in Glass
Extensive knowledge of the Arts and of 3D Visual Art
Strong written and oral communication skills
Extensive knowledge of glass, ceramic, and 3D sculpture equipment including the safe usage and routine maintenance of that equipment
Experience with firing kilns, glazing, and operating glass-making equipment

Preferred:
Previous teaching experience at the post-secondary level

Application

The deadline for applications is January 31, 2015. Application materials should include a letter of interest describing how you meet the qualifications and will perform the duties of the position; copies of all undergraduate and graduate transcripts (original transcripts will be required at time of hire); a curriculum vitae with the contact information for three professional references; and concise statements about the candidate’s scholarly/creative interests and teaching philosophy, including how the applicant will incorporate experiential learning into their block classes; a sample glass course syllabus; photographs of 20 examples of personal work and 20 examples of student work stating title, media, dimensions, and date of work (on CD, DVD or USB Memory stick). Please send (no email applications will be accepted) application materials to:
Final candidates will need to successfully complete phone and onsite interviews as well as a criminal background check.

**The University and Dillon Area**

The University of Montana Western, located in Dillon, Montana is an innovative institution nestled in a scenic valley in the Rocky Mountains of southwestern Montana. The current campus student headcount is 1,447 and the Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) for student enrollment is approximately 1,392.

Montana Western has over 60 full-time faculty members, features small classes for all students and has been recognized for excellence by U.S. News and World Report. Montana Western’s small size and focus on education innovation have earned it the reputation of being a place where faculty and staff chose to collegially and creatively make a difference in the education of students. *Experience One* provides the opportunity for excellent faculty to thrive. Montana Western faculty members have won five consecutive prestigious CASE/Carnegie Professor of the Year awards, including one U.S. Professor of the Year and four, nationally selected, Montana Professors of the Year. These were the last five CASE awards granted to any faculty members in the state of Montana. Montana Western is the first and only public four-year college in the nation to use block scheduling in which students take a single class at a time. This immersion learning program facilitates increased opportunities for experiential types of learning.

Dillon, a community of 5,000 people, is known for outstanding public schools, safe environments, recreational opportunities and an excellent quality of life.

*The University of Montana Western is an equal opportunity/affirmative action employer and encourages applications from qualified women, minorities, veterans and people with disabilities. Qualified candidates may request veterans, or disabilities preference in accordance with state law. Reasonable accommodations are provided in the hiring process for persons with disabilities. Finalists for this position will be subject to a criminal background investigation.*