

Assistant or Associate Professor - News / Multimedia
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Position Start Date August 18, 2018

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**Job
Description**

Position Overview

The William Allen White School of Journalism and Mass Communications at the University of Kansas is seeking exceptional candidates for a tenure-track/tenured position in News/Multimedia journalism at the assistant or associate professor level, expected to begin August 18, 2018.

Candidates should have the ability to work in an interdisciplinary, diverse, and collaborative environment. An active research program, teaching experience, and professional experience will distinguish applicants. Applicants should have research and teaching expertise in at least one of the following areas: broadcast and multimedia production, newsroom analytics, digital media, media law, media management, and entrepreneurial journalism. The ability to develop and teach online courses and certificate programs is a plus. Research in issues related to health communication, sports media, scholastic journalism, or social media is preferred. Success in receiving external research grants is preferred but not required.

Successful applicants will have a doctorate or another appropriate terminal degree in journalism, mass communication, or a closely related field. ABD will be considered with a firm anticipated completion date no later than six months after appointment start date. Applicants without a PhD or another appropriate terminal degree will be considered at the assistant professor with 15 years of nationally recognized experience in journalism or related professions. Applicants without the PhD or another appropriate terminal degree will be considered at the associate level with 25 years of nationally recognized experience in journalism or related professions.

The KU School of Journalism and Mass Communications employs more than 25 full-time faculty members and offers two tracks of studies at the undergraduate level: news information and strategic communications. It has research-oriented Master's and Ph.D. programs, and an online Master's program in Digital Content Strategy on its Lawrence campus, a Master's program in Integrated Marketing Communications on the Edwards Campus in the Kansas City area. It is one of nine independent professional schools in a Research I university. We offer the opportunity to work with award-winning students and nationally recognized faculty in a collegial, collaborative, and energetic environment.

The University of Kansas is especially interested in hiring faculty members who can contribute to the climate of diversity in the School of Journalism including a diversity of scholarly approaches, and four key campus-wide strategic initiatives: (1) Sustaining the Planet, Powering the World; (2) Promoting

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Well-Being, Finding Cures; (3) Building Communities, Expanding Opportunities; and (4) Harnessing Information, Multiplying Knowledge. For more information, see <http://www.provost.ku.edu/strategic-plan/initiatives>. Candidates from under-represented groups are encouraged to apply.

Founded in 1865, KU is one of only 34 public members of the prestigious Association of American Universities (AAU). The University enrolls more than 28,000 students and offers students and faculty opportunities to collaborate in its graduate and professional programs that include education, public health, medicine, law, and a number of allied social science disciplines. Lawrence, a vibrant city of 100,000 residents, hosts of a variety of art galleries, theaters, concert venues, bookstores, and ethnic restaurants. The city frequently is a Top 10 entry in compilations of the nation's top college towns. Kansas City, with its own thriving arts, dining, and sports opportunities, lies 40-miles east of Lawrence.

The successful candidate must be eligible to work in the U.S. prior to the start of the position.

Job Description

40% Teaching

Teach courses in the undergraduate and graduate program to meet the needs of the School

Participate in career advising for undergraduate and graduate students

Hold regular office hours

40% Research

Demonstrate sustained productivity through publications, papers, and/or presentations for national and international academic and professional audiences

Develop and maintain a national profile of research activity

20% Service

Participate in the regular academic activities of the School, including committee assignments and major School functions

Provide general service to the School and University

Serve on and chair graduate committees

Professional service in academic and/or media organizations

Required Qualifications

PhD, JD, MD or other post-graduate doctoral degree in journalism, mass communication, or a closely related field or ABD (with a firm completion date no later than six months after appointment), and two years of professional experience related to the subject or scholarly research or creative work suitable to the subject taught OR

Applicants without a PhD or another appropriate terminal degree will be considered at the assistant

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Evidence of research or creative work success and continued productivity
Qualification to teach news and multimedia courses including but not limited to: TV news, video production, media writing, multimedia reporting, digital media, entrepreneurial media, media management, and media innovation. The ability to develop and teach online courses and certificate programs is a plus.

Contact Information

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