Tenure-Track Assistant Professor in Sculpture

The Ernest G. Welch School of Art & Design at Georgia State University invites applicants for a tenure-track position as Assistant Professor of Sculpture to begin August 2022. We seek a candidate who is an outstanding artist and an enthusiastic educator, with a strong desire to enhance the program and to foster excellence in our students. The successful candidate should demonstrate a commitment to excellence in research, as well as program/curriculum planning and development, and must value working with diverse student populations and cultural perspectives in teaching and research.

Our faculty take advantage of a contemporary sculpture facility that is staffed with a full-time studio manager. The Edgewood Sculpture studio includes traditional and digital fabrication studios, foundry capabilities, and an onsite foundations classroom. Located on our Atlanta campus in the heart of downtown, the facility is near local resources such as the Foundation Center, the High Museum of Art, Atlanta Contemporary, and the Museum of Contemporary Art of Georgia. As an enterprising R-I university, Georgia State University provides opportunities for support such as intramural research grants, summer funding, teaching release time, graduate research assistants, travel funds, and assistance in pursuing external funding.

The Ernest G. Welch School of Art & Design is part of the College of the Arts, which was established in 2016 and also includes the School of Film, Media & Theatre, and the School of Music. In addition to offering some of the university’s most popular majors, the college connects faculty and students with Atlanta’s thriving arts scene and booming film and music industries.

Georgia State University is a national leader in using innovation to drive student success and research growth. The university provides its world-class faculty and more than 50,000 students unsurpassed research, teaching, and learning opportunities in one of the 21st century’s great global cities. In 2022, U.S. News & World Report ranked Georgia State as #2 in Most Innovative Schools, #2 in Best Undergraduate Teaching, #5 in Learning Communities, #6 in First-Year Experiences, and #11 in Top Performers on Social Mobility among national universities.

Responsibilities

The selected candidate will be responsible for maintaining an active research/creative agenda; teaching undergraduate and graduate courses in Sculpture, including graduate seminars; mentoring and advising undergraduate and graduate students; and participating in service at the department, college, and university levels. The candidate will be expected to take on a leadership role within the Sculpture area, overseeing the Sculpture curriculum and space, while working with a studio technician to maintain the health and safety of these areas. The standard course load is 5 courses per academic year, with a lower course load of 4 courses per academic year for the first three years of appointment.

Qualifications

Essential Qualifications

- MFA in Sculpture, related area of study, or equivalent
- Ability to teach woodworking and metal fabrication
- Excellent written and oral communication skills
- A portfolio and exhibition record that exemplifies a national career trajectory
Preferred Qualifications

- A minimum of 1-2 years college-level teaching experience beyond graduate school
- Digital fabrication experience
- Metal casting experience
- Rigid and flexible mold-making experience
- Experience with academic program planning and development

Salary

The salary range is $60,000 - $65,000, depending on qualifications and experience.

Submit: Please email as a single PDF document 1) a letter of application addressing the essential and preferred qualifications as well as your past and/or potential contributions to diversity and inclusion through research/creative activity and teaching; 2) curriculum vitae; 3) twenty labeled images of personal work; 4) twenty labeled images of student work; 5) teaching philosophy; and 6) names, email addresses, telephone numbers, and titles of at least three professional references to wsadrecruiting@gsu.edu. Questions can be addressed to Search Committee Chair, Associate Professor Christina West at christinawest@gsu.edu.

Review of applications will begin immediately and continue until the position is filled. To ensure consideration, please submit all materials by January 5, 2022. Should you be recommended for a position, an offer of employment will be conditional on background verification.

Georgia State University is an Equal Opportunity Employer and does not discriminate against applicants due to race, ethnicity, gender, veteran status, or on the basis of disability or any other federal, state, or local protected class. As a campus with a diverse student body, we encourage applications from women, minorities, and individuals with a history of mentoring under-represented minorities in Sculpture.