



School of Dance, Theatre, and Arts Administration

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Position

The School of Dance, Theatre, and Arts Administration at the University of Akron invites applicants for an associate or full professor of Dance- Ballet position. This dynamic new faculty member will also serve as dance area coordinator and possess skills necessary to drive UA Dance to new heights.

Responsibilities

Duties will include teaching courses in ballet technique, serving as dance area coordinator, recruiting and retaining high-level undergraduate students, coordinating with UA's other dance-related organizations to further the health of regional arts ecology, supporting and developing academic undergraduate dance curricula, and contributing to the success of the institution through leadership in service, teaching, and research.

Date of Appointment

A nine-month salary will be offered beginning fall semester; August 2021.

Rank

Associate or full professor. Tenure may be awarded based on qualifications.

Required qualifications

MFA or equivalent in Ballet. Professional performing experience. Experience teaching ballet technique classes. Evidence of creative, scholarly, and research activities at the local, regional, and national levels. Experience administering a dance program.

Preferred qualifications

Teaching ballet in a university setting. Demonstrated ability to contribute to the diversity of the dance program and university. Experience with curriculum development, fundraising, and/or student recruitment. Demonstrated clear and consistent communication skills. Ability to collaborate with colleagues with diverse artistic, aesthetic, and philosophical viewpoints and practices. Experience with National Association of Schools of Dance standards and procedures.

Salary

Competitive

Application Procedures

To apply for this position, you must complete the online application and upload to your profile: a cover letter; curriculum vitae; statement of teaching philosophy; names and contacts of three (3) references; three (3) samples of creative, scholarly, and/or research activity such as links to videos of performances or choreographic works, and/or examples of scholarly writing. Selected candidates may be asked to submit additional materials. All documents should be uploaded as PDFs. For questions, contact Dr. Jim Johnson, Dance Search Committee Chair, at jjohnson@uakron.edu.

After submission of your application, return to the “My Activities” link and upload the required documents under the “My Cover Letters and Attachments” section. Applicants should fully describe their qualifications and experience with reference to the minimum and preferred qualifications. This is the information on which the initial review of materials will be based. A resume will not be accepted in place of information requested on the application. For assistance with your application or attachments, please call Angie Kerley in Human Resources at 330-972-6547.

Application Deadline

Open until filled; however, applications received by January 11, 2021 will be given full consideration.

Dance at UA

The dance area is part of the Fine Arts Division of Buchtel College of Arts and Sciences and has a long history of excellence in performing, professional practice, and teaching. Founded in 1970 (known then as the College of Fine and Applied Arts), Akron created the Chamber Ballet (later known as the Ohio Ballet Company) that was led by Heinz Poll. Dance is housed in a 2006 addition to Guzzetta Hall that has seven state-of-the-art dance studios, technology-enhanced classrooms, a design lab/studio, training room, physiotherapy, and locker room facilities. Performance facilities include E.J. Thomas Performing Arts Hall and Paul A. Daum Theatre.

Alongside Dance, the Dance Institute of The University of Akron is a multi-disciplinary dance program that provides both pre-professional and recreational classes, performance opportunities, and guest artist residencies for students aged 3-18. Both Dance and Dance Institute are accredited institutional members of the National Association of Schools of Dance. UA is also home to The National Center for Choreography. NCCAkron is a discrete nonprofit organization and the second choreographic center in the country providing professional artists full access to research facilities and opportunities to develop new work alongside the academic environment. More information can be found at www.uakron.edu/dtaa.

Background Check Statement

The University of Akron is committed to providing a safe environment for all students and employees. The university endeavors to protect the health, wellness, and safety of all students, employees, and visitors on its campus. As such, the university will conduct a pre-employment background check for all applicants selected for employment.

Equal Employment Opportunity

The University of Akron is an equal education and employment institution. It is the policy of this institution that there shall be no unlawful discrimination against any individual in employment or in its programs or activities at The University of Akron because of race, color, religion, sex, age, national or ethnic origin, sexual orientation, gender identity, disability, genetic information, military status or status as a veteran. The University is also committed to the principles of affirmative action and acts in accordance with state and federal laws.