

## University of Illinois Springfield Faculty Job Posting

Title: Assistant Professor, Political Science (123781)

Close Date: 01/15/2020

Description: The **Political Science Department at the University of Illinois Springfield (UIS)** seeks applicants for a **tenure-track faculty position at the Assistant Professor level**. Candidates must hold a Ph.D. in political science by August 16, 2020. The candidates must be able to teach courses at both the undergraduate and graduate level in American politics. The department seeks to hire an individual who can teach courses on American political institutions such as the Presidency and Congress as well as BA/MA-level quantitative research methods and general research design. Teaching experience at the college or university level is required. Candidates must be willing to teach in both on campus and online formats. Candidates must demonstrate potential for excellence in teaching, scholarship, and service. This is a full-time on-campus position and benefit-eligible tenure-track academic appointment. UIS tenure-system faculty are expected to be available and engaged in the campus community, with assigned professional responsibilities for teaching, scholarship, and service. The appointment is expected to begin August 16, 2020.

### **Application deadline: January 15, 2020**

The UIS Department of Political Science offers excellent academic preparation and opportunities to become engaged in real world politics for both undergraduate and graduate students. We offer political science degrees at the undergraduate and graduate levels, an undergraduate minor, an interdisciplinary bachelor's degree in Global Studies, and a master's degree in Public Affairs Reporting. Our undergraduate minor and graduate degrees are available fully online or on campus. We have recently added an on-campus BA in Public Policy.

The UIS Political Science Department offers an opportunity for our students to live politics in the classroom, on the campus, and in the community. Engaged political science makes the connections between the classroom and the world explicit as we challenge our students to both grasp the course material and explore how it has an impact outside of the classroom. The UIS Political Science Department bridges the worlds of the "academic" and "practical" by providing concrete opportunities for the practice of theory and the theory of practice. As our Department seeks to grow a culture of inclusion and diversity, we encourage applications from members of historically underrepresented groups.

**About UIS:** Located in the state capital, the University of Illinois Springfield is one of three members of the University of Illinois system. The University serves approximately 5,000 students in 21 graduate and 31 undergraduate programs. The academic curriculum offers students a strong liberal arts core, a wide range of professional programs, and close faculty interaction. Making the most of its location in the state capital, UIS is broadly engaged in public policy and service. Its diverse student body includes traditional, non-traditional, and international students. Twenty-five percent of majors are in 17 undergraduate and graduate online degree programs and the campus has received several national awards for its implementation of online learning. UIS faculty are committed teachers, active scholars, and professionals in service to society. The University emphasizes excellence in teaching, and faculty are also expected to provide a balance of scholarship and service activities to meet requirements for tenure and promotion. You are encouraged to visit the university web page at <http://www.uis.edu> and the department web page at

## Responsibilities:

- Teach a 3/3 load (online and on-campus) in the Department of Political Science;
- Instruct courses on American political institutions including the executive and legislative branches, plus BA/MA-level quantitative methods and research design;
- Assist with department, college, and university-level service activities;
- Engage in scholarship activities that result in a significant publication record;
- Contribute to our undergraduate and graduate curricula, both on-campus and online.

## Qualifications:

- Earned doctorate (expected by August 2020) in political science;
- Desire and potential for excellence in teaching;
- Experience and/or willingness to teach in an online degree program;
- Potential/evidence of strong scholarly productivity and an active research agenda;
- Potential/evidence of strong record of excellence in professional service;
- Teaching experience at the college or university level;
- Willingness to grow a culture of inclusion and diversity

**To Apply go to:** <https://jobs.uis.edu/job-board>, create or update your profile, complete the online application, and upload a cover letter addressing the responsibilities of the position, curriculum vita, and the names and contact information (email address and phone number) for three professional references. Only those applicants who complete the online application and upload all required materials by the **January 15, 2020 application deadline** will be considered; incomplete applications will not be evaluated. To maintain the integrity and confidentiality of the search process, applicants are asked to upload their own materials. Review of applications will begin January 16, 2020, and continue until the position is filled or the search is terminated.

*UIS is an affirmative action/equal opportunity employer with a strong institutional commitment to recruitment and retention of a diverse and inclusive campus community. Women, minorities, veterans, and persons with disabilities are encouraged to apply.*

**The University of Illinois may conduct background checks on all job candidates upon acceptance of a contingent offer of employment. Background checks will be performed in compliance with the Fair Credit Reporting Act.**