

Eastern Illinois University
Assistant Professor of Costume Design (Tenure-Track)
Position Announcement

Eastern Illinois University's Department of Theatre invites applicants to join our faculty as an Assistant Professor of Costume Design. Qualified candidates will be expected to have expertise in one or more secondary areas such as Lighting, Scenery, and/or Production/Stage Management. The successful candidate will contribute to our Theatre program by fostering a creative and inclusive learning environment that provides pre-professional training for the next generation of theatre professionals.

Responsibilities encompass designing departmental productions, managing the costume shop, mentoring student designers, and collegial collaboration with guest designers and faculty artists. Candidates will also be expected to teach courses related to Costume Design, as well as additional teaching assignments that may cover other areas of technical theatre and Introduction to Theatre or Experiencing the Arts.

Furthermore, this role involves active participation in school, college, and university-level committees, as well as participating in recruitment efforts and fulfilling assigned departmental tasks.

As a Unit A (tenure-track) position, the successful applicant is expected to demonstrate commitment to creative practice through an ongoing and sustained professional theatrical practice.

Qualifications:

- MFA in Theatrical Design
- Experience working with and teaching undergraduates Professional design experience.
- Prior experience as a costume shop manager, production coordinator, or related administrative experience is strongly preferred.
- Demonstrated commitment to diversity and experience promoting inclusive excellence is required.

About the Department: The Department of Theatre is located in the Doudna Fine Arts Center, home to the School of the Arts.

The Department of Theatre is an accredited institutional member of the National Association of Schools of Theatre (NAST) and offers a BA in Theatre, with concentrations in Performance, Musical Theatre, Design and Technology, and Dramatic Writing.

Salary and Benefits: Salary is negotiable and is commensurate with training and experience. EIU offers diverse benefits, contributing to employees' retirement plans, medical coverage, and life insurance. To learn more about these benefits, please visit:

<https://www.eiu.edu/humanres/benefits/>.

All applications must be submitted via Interfolio <http://apply.interfolio.com/136667> and will contain the following:

- (1) Cover letter that articulates qualifications for and interest in the position
- (2) Curriculum Vitae
- (3) Portfolio of design work
- (4) Teaching Philosophy that describes the applicant's approach to costume design education and vision for a forward-thinking theatrical curriculum
- (5) One-page statement that addresses how equity, diversity, and inclusion inform your design work, approach to collaboration and teaching
- (6) Names and contact information for three references, including phone number, mailing address, and email address.

Review of applications will begin on December 1, 2023 and will continue until the position is filled. The anticipated start date for a successful candidate is August 2024.

For questions regarding this opportunity, please contact Anne Thibault Green, Search Committee Chair, at athibault@eiu.edu.

Diversity and Inclusion: Eastern Illinois University is committed to fostering a learning community where all members feel welcomed and valued. The university provides equality of opportunity in all areas of campus life and we strive to recognize and appreciate the unique value of our students, faculty, and staff. Every member of campus has the right to learn and work in an environment free of discrimination and harassment, and beyond that, our goal is for all members of our community to develop a strong sense of belonging to Eastern Illinois University.

The University and Community: Eastern Illinois University takes pride in creating a warm, welcome environment for all faculty, staff and students. EIU boasts a rich, tradition of preparing students for their personal and professional goals. A traditional regional residential institution, EIU offers a superior education at a relatively low cost while consistently earning high rankings and distinctions for its affordability, academic program quality, career placement rates, campus safety, online degree options, student support, and sustainability initiatives. EIU focuses on individualized attention and superior student relationships and has earned recognition as the highest- ranking independent public regional university in Illinois and a place among the Midwest's top public regional universities according to U.S. News and World Report. Eastern offers faculty a wide range of research and public service activities. EIU hosts more than 175 student organizations on campus, and offers a variety of cultural events, NCAA Division I athletics, and active research opportunities for its students to enjoy and to thrive. EIU has become recognized for providing the resources of a large institution while creating the kinds of individual relationships that support student and alumni success.

Eastern Illinois University is located in Charleston, Illinois – a comfortable and safe east central town within a two-to three-hour drive of three major metropolitan areas -- Chicago, Indianapolis, and St. Louis.

Eastern Illinois University is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer dedicated to building a diverse and inclusive campus. Candidates who share this goal and are members of underrepresented groups, women, veterans, and/or persons with disabilities are strongly encouraged to apply.

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