Tenure-Track Assistant Professorship in Art – Graphic Design

Franklin College invites applications for a tenure-track position at the Assistant Professor level in Art - Graphic Design, to begin in August 2020. We provide a strong, active, and tailored liberal arts education through small class sizes and intentional relationships between students and their faculty mentors. Located about 20 miles from downtown Indianapolis, we support purposeful and practical academic experiences in and out of the classroom that leverage this location as students pursue personal, intellectual and professional growth. Please see www.FranklinCollege.edu for more details.

We seek candidates with professional background in visual communication who engage in interdisciplinary practice in both digital and analog environments. This new hire will join the Art department and the college at a time of exciting change and growing interest in graphic design. The Art Department offers a BA in Art History and in Studio Art with tracks in Graphic Design, Painting, Photography and Ceramics. The program is committed to delivering fundamentals needed in the market today through increasingly immersive and hands-on methods of teaching and learning. The College is implementing similar initiatives campus-wide including establishing The Hive, a laboratory for fostering creative, innovative and entrepreneurial skills.

The successful candidate will teach courses in graphic design for print and digital platforms, Adobe Creative Suite, typography, and professional development. Additional expertise in illustration, animation, publishing, information design is desirable. Applicants should possess deep knowledge of the Adobe Creative Suite as well as an understanding of industry expectations for aspiring professionals. Broad service to the department and the college, such as student advising, coordinating art shows, and committee work, is also required.

Required qualifications include an MA or MFA in Graphic Design, Visual Communication, or a related field and an understanding of professional design practice. College-level teaching experience is preferred. Professional experience in graphic design or a related field and evidence of active research or creative endeavor are also desirable. Candidates who can demonstrate a dedication to teaching, the ability to contribute in meaningful ways to the College’s continuing commitment to diversity, and a genuine interest in working with undergraduates in a small-college liberal arts setting will be given preference. Candidates with a BFA in the areas listed above and the other qualities sought, along with a minimum of ten years of experience, may be considered.

Evaluation of applications will begin January 6, 2020 and will continue until the position is filled. Inquiries can be sent to search assistant Christine Morris at cmorris@FranklinCollege.edu. Applicants should submit a complete application (including letter of application, vitae, statement of teaching philosophy, 10 samples of professional design work and 10 examples of student work (if applicable) via the application link – Franklin College Faculty Application. Three letters of recommendation should be submitted independently to humanresources@FranklinCollege.edu.
Franklin College is committed to providing an inclusive and welcoming environment and to ensuring that educational and employment decisions are based on individuals’ abilities and qualifications. Consistent with these principles and applicable laws, it is therefore the College’s policy not to discriminate on the basis of age, color, disability, gender, gender expression, gender identity, genetic information, national origin, marital status, race, religion, sex, sexual orientation or veteran status as consistent with the Policy on Prohibited Discrimination, Harassment and Related Misconduct. No person, on the basis of protected status, shall be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to unlawful discrimination, harassment, or retaliation under any College program or activity, including with respect to employment terms and conditions. Such a policy ensures that only relevant factors are considered and that equitable and consistent standards of conduct and performance are applied.