

## Assistant Professor of Dance – Practitioner of Contemporary Dance from Non-Eurocentric Origin

The School of Theatre and Dance at James Madison University seeks a full-time, tenure-track Assistant Professor to teach non-Eurocentric Contemporary dance forms and techniques beginning in the fall of 2022. The dance program is interested in identifying a forward-thinking candidate who can work with us to re-envision the dance major. Responsibilities include teaching at least two of the following: Non-Eurocentric contemporary dance, Hip-Hop, street styles, Commercial, modern dance, and/or different cultural dance forms. We are especially interested in candidates who can work with us to redesign our current dance curriculum to include non-Eurocentric techniques within our programmatic requirements. Additional opportunities could include teaching dance media and technology, composition, and choreographing/directing select departmental concerts. Other duties include participation on departmental, college and university-level committees, advising, and recruitment. We are especially interested in candidates who have demonstrated commitment towards building an equitable and diverse scholarly environment.

**Rate of Pay:** \$55,000 - \$ 61,930

### **Qualified candidates shall demonstrate:**

- National/international profile as a practitioner and/or scholar.
- Record of creative practice, publication, or research, in disciplines of contemporary techniques and/or non-Eurocentric forms
- Ability to articulate current trends in the dance industry.
- A history of collaborative work in the field of dance and/or interdisciplinary work
- A commitment to developing dancers in a liberal arts context.
- M.F.A. or Ph.D in Dance or related field (must be completed by the time the candidate goes up for tenure).

With approximately 22,000 students, JMU is centrally located in Virginia's beautiful and historic Shenandoah Valley, 120 miles southwest of Washington, D.C. JMU is the number two public university in the south, according to *US News and World Report*. The university has a nationally recognized commitment to undergraduate research and student entrepreneurship. The College of Visual and Performing Arts (CVPA) brings together the Schools of Art, Design, and Art History; Theatre and Dance; and Music. Research centers include The Center for Inclusive Music Engagement; The Institute for Creative Inquiry; and The Lisanby Museum. The CVPA is a founding member of the Alliance for the Arts in Research Universities (A2RU). With over 98 full-time tenure-track faculty and 1,200 majors, the CVPA is a vital and collaborative artistic community.

The School of Theatre and Dance, with approximately 280 students, offers a Bachelor of Arts degree with majors in dance, musical theatre, and theatre. The School emphasizes artistic collaboration, artistic excellence, and student-centered learning. A part of the College of Visual and Performing Arts and housed in the award-winning Forbes Center for the Performing Arts, the School of Theatre and Dance fosters a collegial environment and intensive, practical training within a liberal arts tradition.

JMU is an Affirmative Action/Equal Access employer. We seek candidates who will contribute to the climate and body of diversity in the school and the college. JMU promotes access, inclusion, and diversity for all students, faculty, staff, constituents, and programs, believing that these qualities are foundational components of an outstanding education in keeping with our mission. The University is interested in candidates whose experience and qualifications support our ongoing commitment to these

core qualities. The College of Visual and Performing Arts and the University strives to create an educational environment that inspires responsible citizenship in a diverse world.

To apply, submit a cover letter specific to this position, statement of teaching philosophy, a statement on Commitment to Inclusive Excellence, and resume/curriculum vitae, which includes a list of three references (including their contact information). The cover letter should include a discussion of the candidate's research interests and contributions or potential contributions to diversity within the classroom, program, and university. Applicants are also encouraged to submit work samples of writing or creative work. Log onto <https://joblink.jmu.edu> and complete a faculty application. Candidacy is not active until this step is completed. Additional work samples or references may be requested later in the interview process. Priority will be given to applications received by **November 1st**, applications will be accepted until the position is filled.