

Florida Atlantic University seeks scholars who are committed to supporting the learning needs of students from diverse backgrounds and to engaging communities underrepresented in higher education. Florida Atlantic University is committed to providing an inclusive and welcoming environment for all who interact in our community. In building this environment, we strive to attract students, faculty, and staff from a variety of cultures, backgrounds and life experiences. Florida Atlantic University embodies a culture of strategic and collaborative community engagement that results in mutual benefit to the institution and the diverse internal and external communities that it serves.

The Department of Theatre Dance at Florida Atlantic University invites applications for a Visiting Assistant Professor of Dance with specialization in Musical Theatre Dance. This is a one-year position with a competitive salary and full benefits, beginning in Fall 2023. This position is not eligible for tenure.

The ideal candidate will demonstrate a value of diverse aesthetics as well as continue their own creative research with the students by choreographing for departmental productions (dance concerts or musicals) as well as by remaining active in the field. The department is especially interested in candidates invested in culturally relevant teaching who are able to teach broadly within their disciplines and are committed to teaching undergraduates in a professional and pre-professional training program.

This colleague will teach courses in all levels of contemporary modern dance technique based on their skills within the following areas: Dance history/appreciation, dance composition, Modern, Ballet, Jazz, and Tap. The Department of Theatre and Dance is committed to creating an accessible, supportive environment and an educational experience that recognizes diversity and cultural competence as integral components of academic excellence. Candidates who can contribute to that goal are encouraged to apply and identify their strengths in this area.

The Department of Theatre and Dance is centrally located in the South Florida region in a vibrant and very active theatre and film community. The department produces 7-8 shows per year in the academic unit, two shows through the Summer Repertory Theatre Program, and offers substantial professional opportunities to faculty and students working closely with the resident professional theatre company partner on campus, Theater LAB. The department produces through our four theatre spaces on campus, including a new renovated 500 seat proscenium theatre, our 150-seat black box theatre, and two smaller 80 seat black box theatres. To learn more about our program, visit www.fau.edu/theatre

Duties and Responsibilities:

This faculty member will:

- Be responsible for a 3/3 teaching load.
- Fosters and creates educational opportunities where all student populations thrive.
- Advise approximately 30 dance minor students in collaboration with college academic advisors.
- Assist in recruitment and retention duties (including auditions and some travel)
- Demonstrate skill in understanding of cultural differences.
- Engage in active peer-reviewed creative/scholarly activities.
- Participate in department, college, university committees and service.
- Maintain at least five office hours per week.

Education and Experience Requirements:

Required:

- M.F.A., Ed.M., Ph.D. or Ed.D. in Dance, Dance Education, or related field - requirements for graduation completed by August 2023
- Documented successful teaching experience in higher education.
- Evidence of professional experience in the dance field
- Experience working collaboratively with colleagues and communities.
- Demonstrated commitment to experiential undergraduate learning.

Preferred:

- Demonstrated expertise in teaching non-major and/or major level courses in one or more of the following areas: Musical Theatre, Ballet, Jazz Dance

Documents Needed to Apply:

- Resume/ Curriculum Vitae
- Cover Letter of Application addressing your experience and aptitudes related to the job description, duties, and responsibilities.
- Teaching Philosophy Statement. Please include a diversity statement as it relates to your approach for an inclusive dance education environment.
- Contact Information for at least 3 Professional References
- Unofficial Transcripts

If a phone interview is requested, the applicant will be asked to provide the following:

- Video samples of choreographic work(s) (via Vimeo, Google Drive, or YouTube), 3-minute maximum
- Video sample of candidate teaching modern technique and contact improvisation (total 10-minutes maximum)
 - Can include cuts of varying exercises.
 - Must include explanation of or dialogue about material.

Salary and Benefits

Starting salary: \$58,000+ for 9-month contract

Full benefits including health, dental, vision, and retirement available.

To Apply:

Please via mail or email to:

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Position remains open until filled.