

LECTURER IN THEATRE

SUMMARY OF POSITION:

Since 1890, Whitworth University, a private, residential, comprehensive, master's-level, liberal-arts institution affiliated with the Presbyterian church, has held fast to its founding mission to provide its students an education of mind and heart characterized by rigorous and open intellectual inquiry and the integration of Christian faith and learning. Anchored in the Reformed tradition and enriched throughout its history by strong evangelical and ecumenical currents, Whitworth's mission is carried out by a diverse community of dedicated Christian scholars and staff members who are called to a variety of vocations to serve and support students. Whitworth believes the best learning occurs in the context of relationship – inside and outside of the classroom – where professors and staff members alike invest in the lives of students. Whitworth is committed to modeling the highest standards of integrity and fairness and being a trusted and valued member of the community.

The Theatre Department at Whitworth University invites applications for a Lecturer in Theatre with responsibilities in teaching and production. The Whitworth University Theatre Department offers students the unique opportunity to explore theatre from a faith-based perspective through a wide range of experiences. The department facilitates the creativity and discipline of its students through classes in acting, directing, non-traditional performance, design, theory, history and literature. Performance opportunities such as mainstage productions and an improv troupe give students experience in a variety of performance styles. Whitworth University Theatre encourages students to develop a vision for the role of theatre in both their communities and the world at large.

STARTING DATE: Fall 2023

RESPONSIBILITIES:

The anticipated responsibilities of this position, contingent on qualifications and needs, will consist of a combination of teaching undergraduate courses, supervising student projects, directing one of the two annual mainstage productions and conducting outreach/recruitment on behalf of the program. Courses will be drawn from the following areas: acting, directing, voice, movement, introduction to theatre, script analysis, theatre history and/or other areas of expertise such as musical theatre, multicultural theatre, playwriting, etc.

The Theatre department at Whitworth University values diversity of background and experience. We seek scholars who enjoy collaborating with undergraduate students on applied research projects and who seek the challenge of inspiring students to reach their full potential. We believe that teachers with diverse backgrounds and experiences make our program stronger and provide better outcomes for our students.

REQUIRED JOB KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND ABILITIES:

- MA, MFA, or PhD in Theatre or applicable field of study
- Experience directing, performing, and/or teaching in theatre at the educational, professional, or community level
- Ability to work effectively as a colleague with university administration, faculty, staff, students, and guest artists
- A personal commitment to the Christian faith and to the integration of faith and learning
- Commitment to providing an equitable, just, and inclusive learning environment for all students
- Demonstrated growth in cultural competence, awareness of societal and structural inequities and proven experience in effectively establishing relationships and positive communications with students and other constituents across multiple dimensions of diversity including, but not limited to, race, gender, varying abilities, nationality, sexual orientation, gender identity, class or religious perspectives

- A commitment to the educational mission of Whitworth University as a comprehensive Christian liberal arts university affiliated with the Presbyterian church

PREFERRED KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND ABILITIES:

- Demonstrated effectiveness or potential in college-level teaching
- Strong relational skills with students and colleagues
- Skill in the use of classroom technology

SALARY:

Lecturer in Theatre

Term: 9 months

MA - \$35,412

MFA and PhD. - \$38,136

BENEFITS:

Whitworth University provides a robust offering of benefits and services to enhance the quality of life of its faculty and staff. Employees who are eligible for benefits may participate in health plans including medical, dental and vision; a generous retirement plan (up to 8% employer match); life insurance and long-term disability insurance. Well-being services include spiritual enrichment, the employee assistance program, and free access to the University Recreation Center and the Megan E. Thompson Aquatic Center. Free tuition for employees and tuition remission programs for spouses and dependents round out the offerings. Additionally, Whitworth employees enjoy 17 paid holidays each year.

TO APPLY: Please submit to jobs@whitworth.edu

- A letter of interest that describes your approach to teaching and directing and relates your experience to the required qualifications of the position
- Curriculum Vitae
- Representative reviews, adjudications or other assessments of creative work (if available)
- A short personal essay describing your personal Christian faith. This essay is intended to be a statement in your own words that will help the committee to understand your interest in joining Whitworth's community of Christian scholars. ([Click here for guidance on writing the faith essay](#))
- Three most recent student feedback surveys (if available).
- Names, email address and phone numbers of at least three academic references (one or more additional non-academic references who are able to speak to your qualifications for the position may also be included).

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS: A background check, sexual misconduct check, and confirmation of degrees earned will be required of the successful candidate.

DEADLINE: Application materials will be received until the position is filled. Initial screening of applicants will begin immediately. Please direct questions to the search committee chair, Dr. Erica Salkin, at esalkin@whitworth.edu or (509) 777-4704.

Whitworth complies with all federal, state, and local nondiscrimination laws that are applicable to religious nonprofit institutions and does not engage in unlawful discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, sex, or disability. With our Christ-centered commitment to building a diverse and inclusive community, the university encourages applications from populations underrepresented at Whitworth including members of racial/ethnic communities, women, and persons with disabilities.