



Vermont College of Fine Arts Full Time Faculty Chair/Academic Director

Position Description:

The Department of Graduate Studies in Art & Design Education at Vermont College of Fine Arts invites applications for this full-time faculty position with a renewable contract in a non-tenure institution beginning July 2017. This 12-month position works with the Director, college administration teams, and with all part-time faculty to advance the philosophy and mission of the programs and support the mission of college and the department.

The Faculty Chair/Academic Director will provide academic departmental leadership in the low-residency programs within The Department of Graduate Studies in Art and Design Education department. This position will include teaching and advising. The Faculty Chair/Academic Director should be comfortable engaging in collaborative faculty governance and be committed to the ongoing development of educational programs that seek to leverage the power of the arts to transform the world and inspire students to teach for social justice.

Duties Include:

- Acting as Chair of the MAT/MA program
- Teaching a research methodology in-person class and online seminar to MA students
- Acting as Chair/Advisor for the MA students for capstone-thesis
- Teach Fieldwork/Observations, Student Teaching Practicum and Licensure Portfolio seminars to MAT students
- Participate in the ongoing review and assessment of curricula
- Accreditation: collaborate on program documents for accreditation for NEASC, NASAD, VT AOE. Prepare and participate/lead in accreditation visits.
- Oversee Licensure process for students in collaboration with program staff
- Oversee Title II reporting in collaboration with program staff
- Prepare and produce content for marketing/recruitment
- Meet with prospective students digitally or in person
- General administrative program support:
 - Collaboratively create schedule for residency
 - Organizing online meetings throughout the year
 - Overseeing hiring of new faculty
 - Review of applications for new students
 - Review of VLP portfolios for licensure
 - Manage communication between faculty, staff and students

Position Qualifications:

- A Doctoral degree or ABD in Art Education or related discipline
- Previous online/in person teaching experience (3 years preferred)
- Exemplary professional teaching experience
- Experience teaching Visual Art or Design in a K-12 classroom setting
- Engagement in qualitative research and scholarship (preferred)

Compensation:

Competitive salary and benefits commensurate with qualifications and experience and reflective of a 12-month position.

About VCFA's Department of Graduate Studies Art & Design Education:

Our two-year low-residency [Master of Arts in Teaching degree \(MAT\)](#) is for artists and designers who want to become licensed PK-12 teachers. Our one-year low-residency [Master of Arts in Art & Design Education \(MAADE\)](#) is for licensed educators who want to enhance their practice and earn an advanced degree. Our Art Education programs offer month-long summer residencies on VCFA's Montpelier campus, along with ongoing coursework and mentorship throughout the year. The low-residency model allows students to earn advanced degrees without leaving the communities where they live and work.

Our graduate students come to us with diverse artistic backgrounds. What they have in common is a desire to share their artistic passions, a belief in the transformative power of art, and a need for an affordable, flexible graduate education.

Questions: Questions regarding the school and/or the open position may be directed to Marni Leikin, Director Graduate Studies in Art & Design Education (marni.leikin@vcfa.edu).

How to Apply: Email the following documents to program director Marni Leikin (marni.leikin@vcfa.edu): (1) Letter of interest expressing how the candidate's teaching experiences, area of research, and qualifications match the position requirements; (2) curriculum vitae; (3) teaching philosophy; (4) past relevant course syllabi; (5) samples of creative or academic research; and (6) the names and email addresses of three professional references.

Application Deadline: To ensure full consideration, please submit documents by March 10, 2017. Review of applications will begin thereafter and continue until the position is filled. Applications received after this date may be considered at the discretion of the committee and/or hiring authority.