

WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY
College of Creative Arts - School of Music

Position Announcement
ASSISTANT PROFESSOR—COMPOSITION
(Media Composition)

Full-Time Tenure Track

DATE OF APPOINTMENT: August 11, 2023 (Classes begin August 17, 2023)

JOB DESCRIPTION: The West Virginia University School of Music seeks nominations and applications for the position of Assistant Professor—Composition (media composition) with a commitment to teaching excellence at the undergraduate and graduate levels, expertise with composition within the field of media composition (film, video games, etc.), and fostering a positive and collaborative environment for colleagues and students alike. This position is full-time, 9-month, tenure-track, benefits-eligible.

DUTIES: Primary duties include teaching music composition courses for music majors at the undergraduate and graduate level, composition-related courses such as Orchestration and/or Counterpoint, composition pedagogy, and other courses (including music theory courses such as Analysis of Popular Music) according to the needs of the School of Music and the abilities and interests of the candidate. The candidate may also assist with the film-score ensemble. Additionally, the candidate will supervise graduate research and will serve on masters and doctoral committees.

The successful candidate will be expected to maintain an active program of scholarly research and professional development in composition that sufficiently meets the expectations of a land-grant university categorized as Doctoral/Research—Very High. Participation in University, College, and School activities, committees, academic advising, professional service, and faculty governance is expected.

QUALIFICATIONS (must be met by the time of appointment): The successful candidate must have a master's degree in music, will have taught successfully at the collegiate level for at least two years, and should have extensive experience in the field. The successful candidate will also demonstrate expertise in one or more facets of media composition, knowledge of Western art music, and a commitment to creative activity/research and publication with the potential for national and international achievement as a composer/scholar. Additionally, the successful candidate will be collaborative, intellectually adventurous, and willing to embrace all aspects of music studies.

APPLICATION: For a complete application, interested candidates should submit the following:

- Letter of application
- Current curriculum vitae
- Five references who may be contacted (include names, mailing addresses, telephone numbers, email addresses, and relationship to applicant)
- A link to recordings (audio or video) and scores of three different compositions, two of which should be media compositions. The third should be a contemporary classical piece.

Additional materials may be requested later.

Apply online at http://employmentservices.hr.wvu.edu/wvu_jobs

DEADLINE: Review of applications will begin October 21, 2022. The search will remain open until the position is filled.

THE SCHOOL OF MUSIC (music.wvu.edu) brings together musicians and scholars from across the nation and the world in a vibrant musical community that is dedicated to fostering excellence, creativity, and innovation in the arts and humanities. It is the flagship music institution in the state, located about an hour's drive from Pittsburgh and about three hours by car from Baltimore or Washington, D.C. Of the almost 735 majors in the College of Creative Arts, 273 are in the School of Music. Housed in the multi-million-dollar Creative Arts Center, the School of Music comprises 40 full-time and 21 part-time faculty and is the only fully accredited music unit in the state of West Virginia that offers BA, BM, MM, MA, DMA, and PhD degree programs in music. Music faculty members can benefit from an active program of professional development and travel grants sponsored by WVU and by the College of Creative Arts. The School of Music is accredited by the National Association of Schools of Music, and the music education program is accredited by the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation and the West Virginia Department of Education.

THE COLLEGE OF CREATIVE ARTS (ccarts.wvu.edu) is one of 15 colleges within the university, includes the Schools of Music, Theatre & Dance, and Art & Design, and offers the state's premiere training in the visual and performing arts. Each of these units has a national profile of excellence and all music, theatre, and art and design programs are nationally accredited (NASM, NAST, and NASAD).

The College of Creative Arts is housed in WVU's Creative Arts Center and has more than 70 full-time faculty and 20 professional staff whose mission is to educate succeeding generations of artists, teachers, and scholars through an experiential student-centered approach to learning. The College advocates the Arts as a medium through which the diversity of human experience is understood and valued. Exemplifying excellence and innovation in performance, exhibition, scholarship, and creative research, the College offers artistic and cultural opportunities for the citizens of West Virginia and the regional community.

WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY (wvu.edu) is classified as an R1 or Highest Research Activity institution, and is the state's only comprehensive doctoral-granting, land grant institution. WVU has a current enrollment of approximately 28,000 undergraduate and 5,500 graduate students enrolled in more than 184 graduate and undergraduate programs. The university community is committed to student-centered priorities, academic excellence, research, creative activity and service to the state.

The city of Morgantown has 55,000 residents and has been ranked as the "#1 Small City in America," the "Best Small City in the East," and the "3rd Best Small Town" in the nation. Boasting a strong economy and an unemployment rate well below the national average, the area also offers a wide variety of cultural and recreational activities.

West Virginia University has created a dual career program to help faculty partners or spouses find employment in and around the university (dualcareer.hr.wvu.edu).

West Virginia University is proud to be an Equal Opportunity employer and is the recipient of an NSF ADVANCE award for gender equity. The University values diversity among its faculty, staff, and students, and invites applications from all qualified applicants regardless of race, ethnicity, color, religion, gender identity, sexual orientation, age, nationality, genetics, disability, or Veterans status.