



DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH

TEXAS TECH
College of Arts & Sciences

Post Doc Teaching Scholar - Writing Studies

Position Description:

The Department of English in the College of Arts and Sciences at Texas Tech University invites applicants for three full-time, 9-month Teaching Postdoctoral Fellows, with a specialization in writing pedagogy, teacher preparation, mentorship, writing program administration or programmatic research, or similar specialization in writing studies, to begin Fall 2025.

Contributes to the university's mission through teaching, in an academic unit. Train under the supervision and direction of a faculty mentor who will provide the opportunity for collaborative and independent teaching. A postdoc appointment is for a minimum of one year with the possibility of annual re-appointment for up to four additional years, for a total not to exceed five years.

Major/Essential Functions:

In line with TTU's strategic priorities to engage and empower a diverse student body, enable innovative research and creative activities, and transform lives and communities through outreach and engaged scholarship, applicants must have experience working with diverse student populations at the undergraduate and graduate levels within or across the areas of teaching, research/creative activity, and service.

Successful candidates will teach two sections of first-year writing per semester; mentor graduate student teaching assistants; work under the guidance of a tenured faculty member of excellent qualifications, who agrees to serve as a mentor to the postdoc; and contribute to the research and teaching mission of the department.

About the University:

Established in 1923, Texas Tech University is a Carnegie R1 (very high research activity) Doctoral/Research-Extensive, Hispanic Serving, and state-assisted institution. Located on a beautiful 1,850-acre campus in Lubbock, a city in West Texas with a growing metropolitan-area population of over 300,000, the university enrolls over 40,000 students with 33,000 undergraduate and 7,000 graduate students. As the primary research institution in the western two-thirds of the state, Texas Tech University is home to 10 colleges, the Schools of Law and Veterinary Medicine, and the Graduate School. The flagship of the Texas Tech University System, Texas Tech is dedicated to student success by preparing learners to be ethical leaders for a diverse and globally competitive workforce. It is committed to enhancing the cultural and economic development of the state, nation, and world.

About the College:

Founded in 1925 as one of the university's four original colleges, the College of Arts & Sciences is comprised of 15 departments, offering a wide variety of courses and programs in the humanities, social and behavioral sciences, mathematics, physical sciences, and natural sciences. The College has more than 10,000 students enrolled representing more than a quarter of the overall Texas Tech University student population while maintaining a 22:1 student to faculty ratio.

About the Department/School/Area:

The Department of English is a diverse, dynamic, and interdisciplinary department with 45 tenure-line faculty and undergraduate and graduate degree programs in English and in Technical Communication and Rhetoric. Texas Tech's First-Year Writing Program is housed in the Department of English and serves over 4,000 students a semester. The program was recently heavily revised in 2018, with revitalized and reimagined

curricula, professional development, and course delivery models. The program is a two-course sequence: English 1301 grounds students in the reading, writing, and rhetorical practices necessary for engaging in civic discourse and for success in college and beyond. English 1302 builds on those skills by focusing on inquiry and research. More information about the program can be found at <https://www.depts.ttu.edu/english/fyw/>.

About Lubbock:

Referred to as the “Hub City” because it serves as the educational, cultural, economic, and health care hub of the South Plains region, Lubbock boasts a diverse population and a strong connection to community, history, and land. With a mild climate, highly rated public schools, and a low cost of living, Lubbock is a family-friendly community that is ranked as one of the best places to live in Texas. Lubbock is home to a celebrated and ever-evolving music scene, a vibrant arts community, and is within driving distance of Dallas, Austin, Santa Fe, and other major metropolitan cities. [Lubbock’s Convention & Visitors Bureau](#) provides a comprehensive overview of the Lubbock community and its resources, programs, events, and histories.

Required Qualifications:

- PhD in Rhetoric and Writing Studies, English, or closely related field in hand by August 2025.
- A record of peer-reviewed publication that has contributed to the discipline and/or a research and publishing agenda.
- A record of teaching excellence (at least 5 college writing courses taught in the past with evidence of excellence)

Preferred Qualifications:

In addition to the required qualifications, individuals with the following preferred qualifications are strongly encouraged to apply:

- A research specialization in writing pedagogy, teacher preparation, mentorship, writing program administration or programmatic research, or similar specialization in writing studies;
- Experience mentoring graduate students as instructors; and
- Experience with mentoring novice teachers or a desire to mentor novice teachers.

Equal Opportunity Statement:

All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, national origin, age, disability, genetic information or status as a protected veteran.

Special Instructions to Applicants:

Please include the following documents in your application:

1. Curriculum Vitae
2. Cover Letter
3. Research Statement that outlines research goals and how this Post-Doc can help to meet those goals
4. List of references (3 names and email addresses)

Questions about this position should be directed to Dr. Michael J. Faris, Department Chair, at michael.faris@ttu.edu.

Application Process

The deadline to submit applications is on May 9, 2025.

To ensure full consideration, please complete an online application at <https://sjobs.brassring.com/TGnewUI/Search/home/HomeWithPreLoad?partnerid=25898&siteid=5637&PageType=JobDetails&jobid=889524>. Requisition #40925BR.