Assistant Professor – AI and Writing Program Administration

Department of English

College of Arts and Sciences

Position Overview

The [Department of English](https://english.osu.edu/) at The Ohio State University is hiring a tenure-track assistant professor with a research specialization in Artificial Intelligence (AI) and interest or experience in Writing Program Administration. Applicants should have an active research agenda exploring the impact, implementation, and/or teaching of AI in rhetoric and writing studies and must be able (post-tenure) to administer writing programs. Additional consideration will be given to candidates with complementary expertise in one or more of the following areas: disability studies, community writing/literacy, business and technical writing, or digital media studies.

This position is part of a strategic hiring plan in [Writing, Rhetoric, and Literacy (WRL)](https://english.osu.edu/wrl) designed to support the next generation of cutting-edge writing programming and pedagogy. In coordination with Ohio State’s [AI Fluency Initiative](https://oaa.osu.edu/ai-fluency), this hire will play a significant role in developing core values to guide the integration of AI in the Department of English’s writing programs: [Writing and Information Literacy in English (WIL-E)](https://english.osu.edu/writing-programs/writing-information-literacy-english-wil-e), [Writing in the Themes](https://english.osu.edu/writing-programs/writing-themes-0), [Business and Professional Writing](https://english.osu.edu/business-professional-writing), and [Technical and Scientific Writing](https://english.osu.edu/technical-scientific-writing). The person in this position will maintain a robust research program in AI and writing and rhetoric studies (in any combination of the following: GOFAI, GenAI, Agentic, and/or ConAI) and teach undergraduate and graduate courses in WRL.

The person hired in this position will have a 100% FTE tenure-track appointment in the Department of English as a member of the WRL program, a national leader in scholarship and teaching of cultural theories and practices of reading, writing, composing, communicating, consuming, and producing media. They will join a faculty with strengths in cultural studies, digital media studies, disability studies, folklore, linguistics, medical humanities, pedagogy, science and technology studies, and technical and scientific communication. The standard teaching load in the department is a 2/2.

Education and Experience Requirements

*Required:* This appointment will begin on **August 15, 2026**. ABDs are welcome to apply. Candidates must have a Ph.D. in English, rhetoric, writing studies, or a related field in hand by August 15, 2026. Evidence of academic achievement and plans for continued scholarly excellence in AI and rhetoric and writing studies is expected. All candidates should provide evidence of their interest or experience in Writing Program Administration, as well as of effective undergraduate teaching with students of diverse backgrounds and learning styles.

*Desired:* Secondary research interest in disability studies, community writing/literacy, business and technical writing, or digital media studies. Evidence of effectiveness of, or preparation for, graduate teaching, advising, and mentoring is a plus. Candidates should demonstrate a commitment to building a diverse intellectual community in line with Ohio State’s [Shared Values](https://oaa.osu.edu/shared-values-initiative) (see below).

How to Apply

Applications for the position should contain the following required elements, which can be attached in the Application Documents section in Workday <https://osu.wd1.myworkdayjobs.com/OSUCareers/job/Columbus-Campus/Assistant-Professor---AI-and-Writing-Program-Administration_R137083-1>

* Attachment 1: A 1–2 page **Cover Letter** that includes a summary of your academic background and why you are interested in this opportunity.
* Attachment 2: A **Curriculum Vitae (CV)** that provides a detailed overview of your scholarly experience, including research experience, teaching and mentoring experience, service, funding, and publications.
* Attachment 3: A 1–2 page **Research Statement** that summarizes your past research accomplishments, describes your current research project(s), and outlines your future research plans as a faculty member.
* Attachment 4: A 1–2 page **Teaching Statement** that describes your approaches, experience, and philosophy regarding teaching, learning, and mentoring.
* Attachment 5: A **scholarly writing sample** of no more than 25 pages.

**Candidates who advance beyond the initial review will be asked to provide three letters of reference.**

**Review of applications will begin on** **October 1, 2025**. Please direct any questions about the position to John Jones, the chair of the search committee, at [jones.6181@osu.edu](mailto:jones.6181@osu.edu).

The College

With more than 80 majors and 100 minors, the College of Arts and Sciences is the academic heart of the university. The Arts and Sciences provides extraordinary opportunities to collaborate across disciplines, blending creativity and analysis to truly be at the forefront of thought. The breadth and depth of knowledge in the college gives students and researchers the critical thinking and adaptability essential for a lifetime of success.

Department Information

The Department of English offers an undergraduate major with four specializations, including writing, rhetoric and literacy and an integrated major with math, as well as six undergraduate minors. It also offers three graduate programs: the MA/PhD in English studies, MFA in creative writing, and MA in medical humanities and social sciences. Both disciplinary and interdisciplinary in our individual and collective work, we aspire to be a dynamic, creative, and supportive community of researchers, teachers, and students.

The University

Ohio State is a top-20 public university, and its Ohio State Wexner Medical Center is one of America’s leading academic health centers and recently ranked No. 4 on *Forbes*’ list of best U.S. employers for diversity. Eligible Ohio State employees receive comprehensive benefits packages, including medical, dental, and vision insurance, tuition assistance for employees and their dependents, and state or alternative retirement options with competitive employer contributions.

The Ohio State University’s [Shared Values](https://oaa.osu.edu/shared-values-initiative) include Excellence and Impact, Diversity and Innovation, Inclusion and Equity, Care and Compassion, and Integrity and Respect. Our university community welcomes differences, encourages open-minded exploration and courageous thinking, and upholds freedom of expression.

Ohio State is a dynamic community where opportunity thrives, and individuals transform themselves and their world. Positions are available in countless fields and specialties.

The Ohio State University is committed to enhancing academic excellence. Recruiting, supporting, and retaining faculty of the highest caliber is a core component of this commitment. The Office of Academic Affairs (OAA) has established [Dual Careers and Faculty Relocation](https://faculty.osu.edu/faculty-support/faculty-life/dual-careers-and-faculty-relocation) to focus on supporting new and prospective faculty and their loved ones. Service offerings include dual careers partner consultations, identifying potential employers and/or employment opportunities, consultation and resources related to relocation, as well as identifying opportunities to engage on campus and in the surrounding community. While employment opportunities are not guaranteed, resources and consultation are provided to support the partners of new and prospective faculty as they are considering or transitioning to The Ohio State University.

In addition to being responsive to dual-career opportunities, we strongly promote work-life balance to support our community members through a suite of institutionalized policies. Ohio State is an [NSF ADVANCE](https://www.nsf.gov/crssprgm/advance/) institution and a member of the [Ohio/Western Pennsylvania/West Virginia Higher Education Recruitment Consortium (HERC)](https://www.hercjobs.org/regions/higher-ed-careers-ohio/).

Located in Ohio’s capital city, Ohio State’s Columbus campus is near the center of a rapidly growing and diverse metropolitan area with a population of over 1.5 million. The area offers a wide range of affordable housing, many cultural and recreational opportunities, excellent schools, and a strong economy based on government as well as service, transportation, and technology industries. Beyond its [Columbus campus](https://www.osu.edu/about/columbus/visits), Ohio State has four regional campuses including Ohio State Lima, Ohio State Mansfield, Ohio State Marion, and Ohio State Newark, in addition to the College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences (CFAES) Wooster Campus, which houses Ohio State ATI.

**Equal Opportunity Employer/Veterans/Disability**

*Final candidates are subject to successful completion of a background check.*