

Join the Faculty at Columbia College Chicago



Our diverse faculty are academics and practitioners—industry leaders who live what they teach and inspire students to Shape What's Next.

Columbia's art-splashed urban campus is located in the heart of Chicago, a vibrant city that can be your classroom, your canvas, and your home. At Columbia, we value your expertise in theory and practice. Work alongside award-winning scholars, artists and entrepreneurs and empower students to turn their ideas into creative practice.

We are currently looking for full-time tenured/tenure-track and visiting faculty in the following disciplines:

Cinema and Television Arts
Communication
Dance
Design
English and Creative Writing
Interactive Arts and Media
Music
Science and Mathematics
Theatre

TOP 50

Film Schools
2021
—Variety

One of Only 16

accredited
colleges that
offer BA degrees
in ASL-English
Interpretation.

TOP 100

Best Fine
Arts Graduate
Program 2020
—US News &
World Report

#1

Top 20 Animation
and Game Design
Schools in the
Midwest 2019
—Animation
Career Review

#1

College for
Aspiring
Comedians 2019
—College
Magazine

#2

Music School
for Composing
for Film and
Television 2020
—The Hollywood
Reporter

Job Description – Full-Time Teaching Track
Cinema and Television Arts
Virtual Filmmaking

Columbia College Chicago actively promotes diversity, equity, and inclusion as vitally important to its present and future success. These principles are essential to the educational experiences of our students, staff, and faculty.

The Cinema and Television Arts Department of Columbia College Chicago seeks applicants for a full-time teaching track position in Virtual Filmmaking beginning August 2022.

Candidates should have academic and professional experience in the area of virtual filmmaking. Experience should include fluency in advanced processes and techniques used in virtual filmmaking, including the Unreal and/or Unity engines as development platforms for previsualization, production, and post-production. The successful candidate will have knowledge of LED volume stages, motion capture hardware, game engine technologies, digital content creation, and on-set data acquisition. Experience in both film and television is a plus, as well as the ability to work with media producers in other disciplines, including our game development and immersive media programs in Interactive Arts and Media. The School of Media Arts is expanding its commitments in virtual production, game design, immersive media, branded entertainment and e-sports, and candidates will find opportunities to lead and collaborate with colleagues across these fields. Columbia sits within a robust media production ecosystem and provides opportunities for candidates to partner with a range of advanced digital effects, virtual production, and post-production studios across the greater Chicago area.

In addition to expertise in their field, successful candidates must exhibit excellent teaching and scholarly credentials and be passionate about undergraduate and graduate education.

We are particularly interested in candidates with experience teaching in African, Latinx, or Indigenous Diasporas, who can fundamentally enhance our curriculum by fostering a more diverse environment on set and on screen, utilizing virtual filmmaking techniques that enhance stories produced by a highly diverse student body.

Candidates should have a demonstrated capacity for professional and artistic practice in their areas, teaching experience, and a willingness to help design and build a virtual production curriculum.

The Cinema and Television Arts Department is one of four departments in the School of Media Arts, which include Audio Arts and Acoustics, Communication, and Interactive Arts and Media.

Duties & Responsibilities

- Teach at the undergraduate and, as appropriate, at the graduate level in areas assigned by the Department Chair.
- Deliver lesson plans in accordance with the learning objectives set for the course, including practical skills, methods, theories, and techniques.

- Engage with the broader scholarly and professional communities.
- Supervise and advise and mentor undergraduate and graduate students.
- Contribute to the development, planning and implementation of a high-quality curriculum.
- Commit to continuing professional development.
- Provide service to the college, profession, and community.
- Actively follow and promote Columbia College Chicago policies.

We seek individuals with a demonstrated ability to work with students from a wide range of social and cultural backgrounds, and whose creative, scholarly and/or professional work aligns with our commitment to dismantling systems of privilege and oppression. All faculty members are expected to advance the College's DEI mission. For more information on the office of Academic Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion please visit: colum.edu/diversity.

Required Qualifications

- MFA or other terminal degree in interactive filmmaking, gaming, or related media field with an emphasis on cinematography and lighting. Equivalent professional experience will be considered in lieu of a terminal degree.

Desired Qualifications

- Professional experience as well as college teaching experience are highly desirable.
- On-set production experience. or capacity to understand key elements of virtual production pipeline including LED walls, motion capture, video game engines.
- Expert knowledge of Unreal and Unity virtual production tools and ability to train students in the use of these tools in a virtual production pipeline.
- Knowledge of all phases of the phases of the virtual production processes, and ability to teach equitable crew communication throughout all phases of planning and production.
- Experience creating curriculum for a diverse student body.

Application

To apply for this position, submit the following materials [online](#):

- A letter outlining the applicant's background, qualifications, and interest in the position.
- A curriculum vitae.
- An [Evidence of Inclusive Excellence Statement](#) describing actions you have taken to support and advance diversity, equity, access and inclusion in service, teaching, or research/creative activity. Please be succinct with your response.
- Contact information for three references. References will not be contacted without prior consultation with the applicant.
- A statement of teaching philosophy.

Review of applications will begin immediately and continue until the position is filled. For best consideration, apply by April 11, 2022.

This job description is not designed to cover or contain a comprehensive listing of activities, duties, or responsibilities required of the employee and is subject to change based on the needs of the department and/or college.

About the College

Columbia College Chicago is a private not-for-profit college for creatives serving nearly 7,000 undergraduate and graduate students. Columbia College is accredited by The Higher Learning Commission. Located in downtown Chicago's South Loop, the College is centered in one of the world's most lively urban cultural areas. Its many competitive advantages include its strong reputation in the creative industries, outstanding faculty and passionate students, impressive technological and physical resources, and a sincere commitment to bringing diverse voices and experiences into proximity with each other to shape new forms of creative practice.

At Columbia, we offer a rewarding work environment for our faculty and staff. We take pride in offering competitive benefits with affordable health, dental and vision coverage; flexible spending accounts; commuter benefit program; life and accidental, death & dismemberment coverage; paid and unpaid leave options; work/life benefits; educational assistance programs; and retirement and financial planning benefits.

We invite you to join our talented faculty and staff and become part of our collective aspiration to ensure Columbia prepares students for success in their creative fields through innovation, engagement and real-world experiences.

Additional Information

Position subject to a background screening.

This is a non-union position.

This position is overtime exempt.

Columbia College Chicago is an equal opportunity employer and complies with all local, state, and federal laws and regulations concerning civil rights. The college does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national or ethnic origin, age, disability, protected veteran status, genetic information, or other protected classes under the law.

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