

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 – Practitioner in Residence
Theatre Department
Sound Design**

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 Theatre Department of Columbia College Chicago seeks applicants for a **Practitioner in Residence** position in Sound/Design and Tech for academic year 2022-2023. This is a one-year appointment with the possibility of renewal for one additional year.

The successful candidate will have significant experience in professional theatre as a sound designer and/or sound technology/sound augmentation specialist with the scholarly background to instruct students in best practices regarding sound design for live performance. They will have expertise in a variety of equipment and the software currently in use.

In addition to expertise in their field, successful candidates must exhibit excellent teaching and scholarly credentials, demonstrate the ability to foster a welcoming, equitable environment, and be passionate about undergraduate education.

The Theatre Department at Columbia College Chicago houses majors in Acting (BA and BFA), Musical Theatre (BA and BFA), Comedy Writing and Performance, Design and Technology, and concentrations in Directing, Playwriting, Stage Management and Theatre Studies. With over 800 students, the Theatre Department's mission is to provide undergraduate students with a comprehensive education in the practices and processes of creating theatre and live performance. In addition to its majors, the department offers minors in Acting, Stage Combat, Theatre Directing, Playwriting, and Devising for Collaborative Performance. The department works actively to promote diversity, equity, and inclusion as vitally important to the making of theatre and the educational experiences of its students and seeks to root out discrimination of all kinds in classes and productions.

The **School of Fine and Performing Arts (SFPA)** houses academic programs in visual arts, performing arts, and business, entrepreneurship, and marketing. Home to more than 110 full-time faculty and over 3,000 students, the SFPA community is deeply committed to rigorous exploration of a wide range of artistic practices and economies, within an inclusive curriculum characterized by a strong focus on a diversity of contemporary styles and current industry trends. Across SFPA, we challenge the next generation of artists, scholars, managers, performers, designers, makers, and entrepreneurs to master the skills and interrogate the foundations of their creative disciplines; imagine new futures; and contribute to the vibrant arts communities of Chicago and beyond.

Duties & Responsibilities

- Teach three courses per semester at the undergraduate level in sound design, Theatre Foundations, or Creating a Performance and Aesthetics, with a one course release for mentoring student sound designers for Mainstage productions, directing projects, New Stew freshman projects and other projects, as necessary; and other areas assigned by the Department Chair in consultation with the Design and Tech Coordinator.
- Advise and mentor students regarding classes and career plans.

- Contribute to the development, planning and implementation of a high-quality, inclusive curriculum consistent with the Columbia College Chicago commitment to equity and social justice, and to cross-departmental conversations regarding new sound degree program designs.
- Train students on standard playback software in the industry
- Work closely with Musical Theatre productions in audio reinforcement and with music composition students, creating a deeper collaboration with the Music Department.
- Engage with the broader scholarly and professional communities
- 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 sound design
- Significant professional experience as a practitioner in sound design for theatre and additionally in sound technology and/or multi-media including sound

Desired Qualifications

- Undergraduate teaching experience.
- Experience with and evidence of commitment to the development of inclusive curriculum consistent with the Columbia College Chicago commitment to equity and social justice.

Application

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

- A cover letter outlining the applicant's background, qualifications, and vision for the position.
- A teaching philosophy statement
- 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.

Review of applications will begin immediately and continue until the position is filled. For best consideration, apply by April 25, 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 liveliest 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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