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:

- American Sign Language
- Business and Entrepreneurship
- Cinema and Television Arts
- Communication
- Design
- Fashion Studies
- Interactive Arts and Media
- Music
- Photography
- Theatre

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Full-Time Tenure-track or Tenured Faculty
Cinema and Television Arts
Cinematography

*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 tenure-track or tenured faculty position in Cinematography beginning August 2020.

Candidates should have academic and professional experience in the area of cinematography, lighting, and lighting design for film, video, and television. Experience should include fluency in advanced processes and techniques in professional high definition video formats as well as 35mm and 16mm film, and significant experience with digital tools, techniques and workflows. The successful candidate will approach lighting and cinematography as tools for artistic expression that further and enhance storytelling. Experience in both film and television is a plus, as well as ability to work with media producers in other disciplines, including Interactive Arts.

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 seek candidates who can fundamentally enhance our curriculum by fostering a more diverse environment on set and on screen, utilizing compositional and lighting 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 build curriculum.

The Cinema and Television Arts Department is one of four departments in the School of Media Arts, which includes 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, inclusive curriculum consistent with the Columbia College Chicago commitment to equity and social justice.

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• 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, Doctorate or other terminal degree in filmmaking, film production, or related media field with an emphasis on cinematography and lighting.
• Narrative feature or short film experience for fiction required. Additional experience in non-fiction work a plus.

Desired Qualifications
• Professional experience as well as college teaching experience are highly desirable.
• Experience with advanced professional cameras and lighting techniques.
• Expert knowledge of camera systems (ARRI, RED, etc) and lighting techniques. Experience leading crews of various sizes (please specify in the application).
• Experience with digital tools, techniques and workflows.
• Knowledge of pre-production processes, and ability to teach equitable crew communication throughout all phases of planning and production.
• 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 letter outlining the applicant’s background, qualifications, and vision for the position.
• A curriculum vitae.
• 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 December 8, 2019.
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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