

Assistant Professor, Teaching Stream - Writing Specialist - 1601323

Job Field: Teaching Stream

Faculty / Division: University of Toronto Mississauga

Department: UTM: RG Academic Skills Centre

Campus: Mississauga

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Description:

The Robert Gillespie Academic Skills Centre (RGASC) at the University of Toronto Mississauga (UTM) invites applications for a teaching-stream position as a Writing Specialist. We seek an enthusiastic and innovative instructor to coordinate academic writing programming across the curriculum and to teach academic writing. The appointment will be at the rank of Assistant Professor, Teaching Stream and will begin on July 1, 2017.

Candidates should have a Ph.D. in Composition / Writing Studies or a related field by the time of appointment or shortly thereafter. Evidence of experience and excellence in teaching academic writing in a university or postsecondary setting is necessary. Excellence in teaching can be demonstrated through teaching accomplishments (e.g., awards, recognition, curriculum development, pedagogical publications, presentations at conferences), strong endorsements by referees of high international stature reflecting on both excellent teaching and their commitment to pedagogical enquiry and teaching innovation, and the teaching dossier submitted as part of the application. Salary will be commensurate with qualifications and experience.

We seek candidates who have a record of excellent teaching, demonstrate the intellectual curiosity to pursue novel and innovative teaching and learning methods, and are interested in establishing a long-term career at the RGASC. Responsibilities of the Writing Specialist include:

- Coordinating the Writing Development Initiative Program (a WAC/WID program that provides support for projects that integrate writing instruction in core courses across the curriculum);
- Participating in faculty-wide initiatives that incorporate undergraduate writing instruction and assessment;
- Investigating, implementing, and evaluating innovative pedagogical practices for the teaching of academic writing;
- Assessing programs and projects aimed at improving students' writing and communication skills;
- Advising faculty members on strategies for integrating academic writing instruction into their courses;
- Training Teaching Assistants in writing pedagogy;
- Supervising writing instructors at the RGASC;
- Teaching academic writing in a variety of settings;
- Conducting face-to-face and online appointments with students in a Writing Centre context;
- Developing curricular resources on academic writing instruction.

The RGASC is a hub for academic skills development on the University of Toronto Mississauga campus. The RGASC works collaboratively with faculty and teaching assistants to help deliver the best possible environment for learning in classes, labs, and tutorials. The RGASC also provides academic support for students through a variety of programming channels, including one-on-one appointments, co-curricular courses, workshops, and peer-facilitated study groups. For more information about the RGASC, please visit its website at <http://www.utm.utoronto.ca/asc/>.

All qualified candidates are invited to apply online by clicking on the link below. Applications must include a cover letter, curriculum vitae, and teaching dossier (including a statement of teaching philosophy, teaching evaluations, sample course syllabi, and relevant teaching materials). If you have any questions about this position, please contact Tyler Evans-Tokaryk via email at academicskills.utm@utoronto.ca. All application materials must be submitted online. Submission guidelines can be found at: <http://uoft.me/how-to-apply>. We recommend combining attached documents into one or two files in PDF/MS Word format.

Applicants should arrange to have three letters of reference sent directly by the referee by email to academicskills.utm@utoronto.ca by the closing date. Letters of reference should be addressed to Professor Tyler Evans-Tokaryk,

Director of the RGASC. Please ensure the candidate name and "Writing Specialist RGASC Search" are included in the subject line and that the letters are on letterhead and signed.

Review of applications will begin after the closing date of November 30, 2016.

The University of Toronto is strongly committed to diversity within its community and especially welcomes applicants from racialized persons / persons of colour, women, Indigenous / Aboriginal People of North America, persons with disabilities, LGBTQ persons, and others who may contribute to the further diversification of ideas.

As part of your application, you will be asked to complete a brief Diversity Survey. This survey is voluntary. Any information directly related to you is confidential and cannot be accessed by search committees or human resources staff. Results will be aggregated for institutional planning purposes. For more information, please see <http://uoft.me/UP>.

All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply; however, Canadians and permanent residents will be given priority.