Faculty Search – Assistant Professor – Creative Writing (Job # 26105)

The Department of English and Victoria College in the Faculty of Arts & Science at the University of Toronto invites applications for a joint full-time tenure stream position (51% English & 49% Victoria College) in the field of Creative Writing with a preference for writers who work in more than one genre. The appointment will be at the rank of Assistant Professor, with an expected start date of July 1, 2023.

Applicants must have earned a PhD (strongly preferred), an MFA, or an MA in English in the field of Creative Writing, with a demonstrated record of excellence in research and/or creative professional activity, and teaching. We seek candidates whose research and/or creative professional activity and teaching interests complement and enhance our existing strengths in the Department of English and Victoria College. Fields of particular interest include fiction, poetry, nonfiction, drama, oral storytelling, stage and screen writing, digital and graphic forms. Demonstrated work across media — particularly with music or visual arts — would be an asset, as would experience and interest in the interactions between the arts and society. The successful candidate must have a national or international reputation as a creative writer. They will be expected to pursue innovative and independent research/and or creative professional activity at the highest international level and to establish an outstanding, competitive, and externally funded research program.

Candidates must provide evidence of excellence in research and/or creative professional activity as a writer which can be demonstrated by a record of publications of an outstanding order by major presses or forthcoming publications meeting high international standards, the submitted statement on creative activity, awards and honours, other noteworthy activities that contribute to the prominence of the discipline, and strong endorsements from referees of high standing.

Evidence of excellence in teaching creative writing will be demonstrated by teaching accomplishments, the teaching dossier (with required materials outlined below) submitted as part of the application, as well as strong letters of reference.

Candidates are also expected to show evidence of a commitment to equity, diversity, inclusion, and the promotion of a respectful and collegial learning and working environment, demonstrated through the application materials.

This position offers the opportunity to teach and to practice creative writing in a department and a college that are committed to supporting their Creative Writing Programs in the general context of the study of English literatures in both their historical depth and geographical range, and in the context of creativity studies across other arts and disciplines.

For more information about the Department of English, please visit www/english.utoronto.ca; for Victoria College, please visit www.vic.utoronto.ca.

Salary will be commensurate with qualifications and experience.

All qualified applicants are invited to apply by clicking on the link below. Applications must include a cover letter, curriculum vitae, a teaching dossier (including a statement of teaching philosophy [one-two pages], sample course materials, and teaching evaluations), a statement outlining current and future creative projects (one-two pages), and a
substantial creative writing sample (up to twenty-five pages). Equity and diversity are essential to academic excellence. We seek candidates who value diversity and whose research, teaching and service bear out our commitment to equity. Candidates are therefore also asked to submit a one-two page statement of contributions to equity and diversity, which might cover such topics as (but not limited to): research or teaching that incorporates a focus on underrepresented communities, the development of inclusive pedagogies, and the mentoring of students from underrepresented groups.

Applicants must provide the name and contact information of three references. The University of Toronto’s recruiting tool will automatically solicit and collect letters of reference from each after an application is submitted (this happens overnight). Applicants remain responsible for ensuring that referees submit letters (on letterhead, dated and signed) by the closing date.

Submission guidelines can be found at: http://uoft.me/how-to-apply. Your CV and cover letter should be uploaded into the dedicated fields. We recommend combining additional materials into one or two files in PDF/MS Word format. If you have questions about this position, please contact careers.english@utoronto.ca.

All application materials, including reference letters, must be received by the closing date of November 28, 2022.

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

Diversity Statement
The University of Toronto is strongly committed to diversity within its community and especially welcomes applications from racialized persons / persons of colour, women, Indigenous / Aboriginal People of North America, persons with disabilities, LGBTQ2S+ 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.

Accessibility Statement
The University strives to be an equitable and inclusive community, and proactively seeks to increase diversity among its community members. Our values regarding equity and diversity are linked with our unwavering commitment to excellence in the pursuit of our academic mission.

The University is committed to the principles of the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA). As such, we strive to make our recruitment, assessment and selection processes as accessible as possible and provide accommodations as required for applicants with disabilities.

If you require any accommodations at any point during the application and hiring process, please contact uoft.careers@utoronto.ca.