

Department of Theatre and Dance

The University of South Alabama Department of Theatre & Dance invites applications for a full-time (twelve-month), tenure-track position as department Chairperson at the rank of Associate or Full Professor, starting August 15, 2024.

Qualifications: An earned terminal degree (MFA and/or PhD) in theatre or a closely related field is required for this tenure-track appointment. Candidates will be expected to demonstrate a record of creative or scholarly achievement commensurate with a faculty appointment at the rank of a tenured Associate Professor or Professor, including a body of work that represents a significant contribution to the field and demonstrated excellence in post-secondary teaching. The successful candidate will exhibit commitment to liberal arts education and professional theatre training and the skills to articulate a clear vision of how the two can complement and enhance each other in a research university. The successful candidate will possess leadership, administrative, and supervisory experience in strategic and financial planning, curricular innovation, and recruitment and retention of faculty, staff, and students. Preferred qualifications include experience in managing theatre productions and directing at the collegiate level. The successful candidate will also show evidence of a commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion, with the ability to lead effective change in diverse groups.

Responsibilities: The successful candidate will teach courses in Theatre History, Text Analysis, and Theatre Management.

The Chair serves as the artistic director for the department, collaborating with department faculty to set the department's mission and goals for research, teaching, artistry, and service. The Chair must also recruit and support a diverse faculty, staff, and student body; coordinate the department's season planning process; build relationships with area theatre, dance, and arts organizations; administer the department's budget; plan strategic advances and target growth in the department's programs.

Additional responsibilities include academic advising and mentoring theatre students, as well as the placement of interns. Contribution to the field through active scholarly and/or related creative activities is encouraged. Service on university committees and active participation in respected state, regional, and national organizations is also expected.

The Institution: Located in a metropolitan area of nearly 600,000 residents on the scenic Gulf of Mexico, the University of South Alabama is a comprehensive, global university that offers diverse and nationally recognized programs in a variety of fields. USA is one of the fastest growing universities in Alabama with an annual overall economic impact of \$3 billion. The Department of Theatre & Dance is a unit of the College of Arts and Sciences and exhibits high quality in its theatre productions, educational offerings, and service to the community.

The Department: The Department of Theatre & Dance is committed to providing high-quality education through building a diverse, supportive, and collaborative intellectual community of faculty and students. Through direct mentorship, teaching, and research, our mission is to create an educational environment that enables our students to excel. Our students develop practical skills that prepare them for exceptional career opportunities, including professional and graduate school programs, industry positions, and governmental and non-governmental community arts organizations.

To Apply: Please e-mail the following to Dr. Laura Moore, Search Committee Chair, at lauramoore@southalabama.edu – 1) letter of application that briefly addresses the candidate’s suitability for teaching courses in the desired areas of concentration and includes a statement of teaching philosophy as it pertains to theatre arts; 2) current curriculum vitae, which should include evidence of teaching effectiveness; 3) copies of unofficial transcripts from all colleges and universities attended.

Three letters of professional reference (with signature on letterhead) are required. References must submit their letters directly to the search chair via email.

Applicants invited for a campus interview will arrange to have official transcripts sent directly by the registrars of all colleges and universities attended to the Search Committee Chair at lauramoore@southalabama.edu or

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For inquiries, please contact Dr. Laura Moore, Chair, Theatre Chair Search Committee at lauramoore@southalabama.edu

Deadline: Review of applications will begin **March 1, 2024**, and continue until the position is filled.

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