Assistant Professor Scenic Design
Towson University

Job Title	Assistant Professor Scenic Design
Department	Department of Theatre Arts
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Institution	Towson University
	Towson, Maryland
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Application Deadline	Open until filled
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Job Categories	Assistant Professor
Academic Field(s)	Design - Industrial Art/Design
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Job Description	

Position: The College of Fine Arts and Communication invites applications for a tenure-track, 9-month Assistant Professor of Scenic Design position in the Department of Theatre Arts beginning August 2025.

Qualifications: MFA in Theatre or related field required with a concentration in Scenic Design. A demonstrated record of effective teaching. A record of successful scenic design. Candidates should show the potential for ongoing creative or scholarly work. Candidates with a demonstrated record of successful college-level teaching and whose work demonstrates a commitment to issues of social

justice and diversity, equity, and inclusion in theatre are particularly encouraged to apply.

Compensation: Starting salary $60,000 - $70,000; a summary of benefits is available at www.towson.edu/hr/current/benefits

Responsibilities: Faculty are assigned an instructional workload of six (6) course units per academic year for the first year. Beginning the second year, the workload reverts to the standard instructional workload of seven to eight (7-8) course units with reassigned time for design and production preparation.

The scenic design faculty member is responsible for teaching introductory courses in theatre design, scenic design, scenic painting, property design and craftwork, and other related courses, as well as engaged and proactive mentorship. The successful candidate will serve as scenic designer or mentor of student designers for all departmental theatre productions. Additionally, the scenic designer will work with the technical director to oversee the design and execution of properties and scenic painting of all departmental productions.

Demonstrated implementation of digital design techniques is essential. Skill with related digital technology (digital fabrication, projections and multimedia design) is strongly preferred. Candidates must be able to work in a wide variety of computer applications including CAD and imaging software. Knowledge of alternative design applications such as film, industrials, trade shows, other live events, as well as costume and lighting design is also a plus.

Other duties include participating in recruitment and retention activities, academic advising, and department, college, university, and community service. Candidates are expected to pursue ongoing professional creative work, research, and/or scholarship. Review of applications begins immediately and continues until the position is filled.

Application Process: Review of applications begins immediately and continues until the position is filled. Submit the following with your application: A letter of application addressing the candidate's unique profile in relation to this position, a current CV with the names of at least three references and contact information (letters of recommendation may be requested from candidates who continue to a later stage of the process), Unofficial transcripts of institutions of higher learning, a one-page teaching philosophy statement that addresses the candidate's approach to teaching and design and describes demonstrated experience teaching or mentoring diverse, underserved students, including students of color and non-traditional students and a functioning web-link to a design portfolio including complete design and preparation materials for one realized production with production photographs.

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Contact Information

Please reference Academickeys in your cover letter when applying for or inquiring about this job announcement.

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