

Assistant Professor of Ceramics
The University of South Dakota

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Job Title	Assistant Professor of Ceramics
Department	Department of Art https://www.usd.edu/art
Institution	The University of South Dakota Vermillion, South Dakota
Date Posted	Oct. 31, 2024
Application Deadline	Open until filled, First review 1/3/2025
Position Start Date	Aug. 18, 2025
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Job Description	

Job Title: Assistant Professor in Ceramics (Tenure Track)

Department: Department of Art

Institution: University of South Dakota

Program: Nationally Recognized BFA/MFA Art Program

Appointment: Full-time, 9-month academic year

Start Date: August 2025

Position Description:

The University of South Dakota is seeking a tenure-track Assistant Professor in Ceramics for a nine-month appointment beginning in August 2025. This position involves teaching ceramics at both undergraduate and graduate levels within a dynamic BFA/MFA Art program. The candidate will engage

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in research, teaching, and service activities according to the guidelines of the South Dakota Board of Regents (SDBOR).

Responsibilities:

- Teaching 18 contact hours per semester
- Teaching foundational through advanced courses in ceramics including studio, seminar, and lecture formats.
- Teaching critical thinking, problem solving, contemporary theory, and emerging concepts in ceramics.
- Advising and mentoring students, contributing to student recruitment and retention.
- Actively participating in department, college, and university committees and activities.
- Pursue a current creative scholarship/research agenda in ceramics and remain actively engaged in the professional art field.
- Operation and upkeep of ceramic studio equipment, including gas, electric, and wood-fired kilns, pottery wheels, clay mixers, and related tools, with responsibilities also encompassing maintaining supplies and scheduling student assistants in the ceramic studio.
- Ability to contribute to a vibrant departmental visiting artist program.
- Working with diverse students, faculty, and staff.?

Required Qualifications:

- MFA in ceramics or a closely related field.
- Experience in multiple ceramic processes; including but not limited to hand-building, wheel-throwing, mold-making/slip-casting, historical and contemporary techniques, and new-media applications.
- Knowledge of glaze chemistry, kiln firing procedures, and ceramic equipment.
- Established exhibition and/or scholarly record.

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- Ability to teach critical thinking, problem-solving, contemporary theory, and emerging concepts in ceramics.
- Knowledge of operation and maintenance of ceramics studio.
- Effective written and verbal communication skills.
- Strong interpersonal skills.

Preferred Qualifications:

- University-level teaching experience with three years of college-level teaching experience preferred but not required.
- Ability to maintain a vibrant visiting artist program in ceramics.
- Evidence of community building within and outside of the department.
- Commitment to building a strong ceramics program and establishing an MFA Ceramics program.
- Work collaboratively with other disciplines.
- Evidence of grant writing.

Rank and Salary: Assistant Professor; \$48,000 - \$53,000 commensurate with qualifications and experience; Full standard benefits package

Application Process:

Applications will be accepted until the position is filled, with full consideration given to completed applications received by January 3, 2025.

Applicants are required to apply online at <https://yourfuture.sdbor.edu/postings/41247> and should include:

- Letter of application
- Curriculum vitae
- 20 labeled digital images of personal work

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- Artist website URL and/or social media presence
- 20 labeled digital images of student work
- One representative course syllabus
- Teaching philosophy
- Artist statement
- Contact information for three professional references

Items that cannot be transferred digitally should be sent to:

Danielle Heeren, Office of the Dean

Ceramic Search Committee

College of Fine Arts

The University of South Dakota

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Questions: Danielle.Heeren@usd.edu

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