

**Part-Time Lecturer: Director of Gospel Choir
Tufts University**

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Job Title	Part-Time Lecturer: Director of Gospel Choir
Department	School of Arts & Sciences: Music
Institution	Tufts University Medford, Massachusetts
Date Posted	Jan. 7, 2025
Application Deadline	Open until filled
Position Start Date	Fall 2025
Job Categories	Lecturer/Instructor Director/Manager
Academic Field(s)	Music - Vocal Music - Conducting Music - General
Job Website	http://apply.interfolio.com/161153

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Job Description

The Department of Music at Tufts University is seeking a part-time Lecturer to direct the Gospel Choir beginning Fall 2025. The Gospel Choir is a large choral ensemble comprised of students from across the University that sings and celebrates music of the African American gospel music tradition, serving as a vibrant part of the department's cultural and musical offerings. The Gospel Choir Director is responsible for leading, developing, and overseeing all activities related to the choir. The Director will facilitate rehearsals, coordinate performances, and encourage student musicianship while fostering an inclusive, supportive environment for personal and artistic growth. There is the opportunity for national and international tours.

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Responsibilities

- Lead music rehearsals for a large, undergraduate student choir, including teaching fundamental vocal technique and projection.
- Select appropriate repertoire that reflects the rich history, cultural significance, and contemporary developments in the African American gospel music genre.
- Provide artistic direction and coaching to enhance vocal technique, ensemble cohesion, community building, and respect among choir members.
- Plan, organize, and lead performances each semester, including major campus concerts and special events.
- Identify student leaders and meet with them to address concerns of members of the ensemble.
- Foster a welcoming and inclusive environment for students of diverse musical backgrounds and identities.
- Strong piano skills if not planning to use accompanist.

Rehearsal and Performance Preparation

- Organize and lead 2-hour weekly rehearsals for the full choir; and three 1-hour sectionals that meet once a week.
- Coordinate logistics for choir performances, including managing schedules, travel, and accommodations.

Qualifications

- A graduate degree in Music, Music Education, Choral Conducting, or a related field is preferred.
- Proven experience directing a gospel or similar choir including experience with arranging, conducting, and leading performances.
- A strong background in African American gospel music, its history, and its cultural significance.
- Experience working with university students or youth choirs is highly preferred.
- Excellent communication and interpersonal skills.
- Ability to incorporate a range of musical styles within the gospel tradition, from traditional to contemporary.
- A commitment to fostering diversity, equity, inclusion, and belonging in musical and educational spaces.

Application Instructions

Submit a dossier including a cover letter that outlines interests and/or experience including commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion; curriculum vitae; links to one performance video (10 mins max) and one rehearsal video (10 mins max) preferably with the camera facing the conductor, if possible; draft syllabi or detailed descriptions of courses you are applying to teach; and two letters of

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recommendation uploaded directly into Interfolio by recommenders.

All application materials must be submitted via Interfolio at: <http://apply.interfolio.com/161153>. The search committee will begin screening applications immediately and will continue until the position is filled. Please contact Christopher Wilson, Department Administrator, at Christopher.Wilson@tufts.edu with any questions.

All offers of employment are contingent upon the completion of a background check.

EEO/AA Policy

Tufts University, founded in 1852, prioritizes quality teaching, highly competitive basic and applied research, and a commitment to active citizenship locally, regionally, and globally. Tufts University has also committed to becoming an anti-racist institution and prides itself on the continuous improvement of diversity, equity and inclusion work. Current and prospective employees of the university are expected to have and continuously develop skill in, and disposition for, positively engaging with a diverse population of faculty, staff, and students. Tufts University is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer. See the University's Non-Discrimination statement and policy here <https://oeo.tufts.edu/policies-procedures/non-discrimination/>. If you are an applicant with a disability who is unable to use our online tools to search and apply for jobs, please contact us by calling the Office of Equal Opportunity (OEO) at 617-627-3298 or at oeo@tufts.edu. Applicants can learn more about requesting reasonable accommodations at <https://oeo.tufts.edu/>

Contact Information

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

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