

## **Assistant Professor of Art**

The Austin College <u>Art and Art History Department</u> invites applications for a full-time tenure-track Studio Art position in Digital Art and Photography at the Assistant Professor level, beginning August 2024. Candidates should demonstrate a commitment to, and excellence in, undergraduate teaching, have a significant record of exhibition, and hold an MFA or equivalent degree.

The candidate will be expected to teach courses in digital art, analog photography, and a foundations-level course (Art Fundamentals), as well as <u>First-Year Seminars</u> and <u>January Term</u> courses. The teaching load is three courses each fall and spring and a January Term course every other year. We welcome course topics in new media that will expand the range of departmental offerings, such as 2D/3D/4D digital modeling, animation, video art, installation art, web-based media, conceptual practices, or other emergent forms. The candidate should have a demonstrated proficiency in Adobe Creative Cloud, digital animation and modeling software such as Maya or Blender, image editing tools, and other relevant technologies. The Art and Art History Department is committed to interdisciplinary approaches to the arts and is searching for a colleague willing to grow the curriculum beyond traditional image-making.

The candidate will demonstrate an artistic practice that intersects with areas across the arts and the wider college disciplines, including support for an emerging Game Design program. Applicants should be open to working with other faculty members and departments in order to foster interdisciplinary projects, initiatives, and partnerships that enhance the educational experience for students.

Each member of the Austin College community is responsible for creating and maintaining a culture of inclusion that engages students and valorizes each other's contribution to our shared educational mission. The successful candidate will show how their teaching and research agenda relates to the Austin College liberal arts curriculum, including the general degree requirements (e.g., Systems of Power, Privilege, and Inequality; Global Diversity) and the writing curriculum.

Austin College is a private national liberal arts college located north of Dallas in Sherman, Texas, in one of the fastest growing regions of the state and in the heart of the flourishing North Texas technology corridor. Founded in 1849, Austin College (AC) is the oldest institution of higher education in Texas operating under its original name and charter. Austin College boasts a welcoming community that embraces diversity and individuality, with more than 50 percent of students representing ethnic minorities. One of 44 schools profiled in Loren Pope's influential book, *Colleges That Change Lives*, AC has earned a reputation for excellence in pre-professional foundations, international study, and leadership development. A residential student body of 1,250 students and a faculty of over 100 allow a 12:1 student-faculty ratio and average class size of 15 students. With a committed faculty and hands-on, adventurous learning opportunities, the College provides an academically challenging and lively community committed to intellectual and personal growth.

## Candidates should send the following:

- letter of application
- CV
- copies of graduate transcripts (unofficial are sufficient for the application)
- 20 examples of current professional artwork organized into a single PDF document and/or submit a link to an online portfolio
- statement of teaching philosophy, no more than one page
- a diversity and inclusion statement (which must indicate the ways candidates address diversity in their teaching, scholarship, and/or service), no more than one page

Please combine materials into one PDF document and email it to <a href="mailto:ArtSearch@austincollege.edu">ArtSearch@austincollege.edu</a>. Three references should send recommendation letters directly to the aforementioned email address with the candidate's name in the subject line.

For full consideration, applications must be received by December 1, 2023. Initial video conference interviews will occur mid-January 2024 and on-campus interviews will be at the beginning of February.

Review of applications will continue until the position is filled.

Austin College is an *Equal Opportunity Employer* that serves a diverse student body and is committed to the same in the hiring process. Applicants must be currently authorized to work in the United States for any employer.