The Theater Arts Department at the University of California, Santa Cruz (UCSC) invites applications from outstanding candidates to apply for a tenure-track faculty position in Dance recruited at the level of assistant professor (tenure-track) with primary strength in Contemporary Dance with specialization in World Dance (for example: African Diaspora, Diaspora from the Pacific Rim, or Latin America). Applicants should be able to contribute to the training of both undergraduate and graduate students in the areas of contemporary dance technique, dance composition, improvisation, world dance history, and in the technique and theory of their specialization. We have a strong interest in a dance professional whose creative work/research is informed by a demonstrated history of embodied practice and theoretical inquiry. We look for an innovator in the field with expertise and experience as a teacher who continues to be actively engaged in a combination of physical practice and creative activity. Our ideal candidate works at the forefront and intersection of contemporary and world dance, maintains relationships with the professional field, engages with diverse communities, and shows evidence of an ongoing career creating, directing, performing, restaging, and/or reconstructing concert dance. In addition, the candidate will demonstrate a broad understanding of dance somatics and techniques and the milieu of the professional choreographer and dancer. Interdisciplinary perspectives with connection to world dance forms, dance studies, and digital technologies plus a demonstrated ability to publish and write grants are highly desirable.

We are especially interested in candidates who can contribute to the diversity and excellence of the academic community through their research, teaching, and service. The campus currently operates on a schedule of three 11-week quarters per academic year. The successful candidate will be expected to teach 5 five-unit courses per year, or their equivalent, in accordance with the department's workload policy; advise and mentor students; actively engage in research activity; and actively participate in administrative responsibilities for the department, affiliated college, and the campus. The ability to contribute significantly to graduate education and the mentoring of graduate students is highly desirable. The successful candidate must be able to work with students, faculty, and staff from a wide range of social and cultural backgrounds.

We are located among redwood forests and meadows overlooking Monterey Bay, along California’s Central Coast in close proximity to Silicon Valley and the San Francisco Bay Area. The Arts Division supports faculty research through the Arts Research Institute (http://artsresearch.ucsc.edu/ait), and the Arts Dean's Fund for Excellence; the campus supports research and teaching with grants awarded by the Committee on Research, the Committee on Teaching, and other groups.

RANK: Assistant Professor

SALARY: Commensurate with qualifications and experience; academic year (9-month) basis

BASIC QUALIFICATIONS: Terminal degree (or equivalent foreign degrees) in dance, performance studies or related discipline, and a demonstrated record of creative work/research as evidenced by an academic and professional resume as dancer and/or choreographer.

PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS: University teaching experience and/or professional dance experience

POSITION AVAILABLE: July 1, 2016, with academic year beginning September 2016.

TO APPLY: Applications are accepted via the UCSC Academic Recruit online system and must include:

1) letter of application outlining scholarly and creative background as well as current and future research plans (research includes work in the professional theater as a dancer and/or choreographer)

2) curriculum vitae

3) three confidential letters of reference*

4) three proposed syllabi for courses, as follows: a) Contemporary/Traditional World Dance (i.e., African Dance Theory and Technique or Dance Theory and Techniques of the Pacific Rim), b) Choreography, and c) an upper-division/graduate level course highlighting the applicant's specialty

5) Minimum of 5 but no more than 10 critical reviews and/or audio-visual documentation of creative work. (Please upload PDF with links. Include password when using private video sharing sites such as Vimeo or YouTube).

Applicants are invited to submit a (one-page) statement addressing their past and/or potential contributions to diversity through research, teaching, and/or service.

Apply at https://recruit.ucsc.edu/apply/JPF00318

Refr to Position # JPF00318 in all correspondence.

*All letters will be treated as confidential per University of California policy and California state law. For any reference letter provided via a third party (i.e., dossier service, career center), direct the author to UCSC’s confidentiality statement at http://apo.ucsc.edu/confstm.htm

CLOSING DATE: Review of applications will begin on December 1, 2015.

To ensure full consideration, applications should be complete by this date. The position will remain open until filled, but not later than 6/30/2016.

UC Santa Cruz faculty make significant contributions to the body of research that has earned the University of California the ranking as the foremost public higher education institution in the world. In the process, our faculty demonstrate that cutting-edge research, excellent teaching and outstanding service are mutually supportive.

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