The Writing Program (WP) at the University of California, Santa Cruz (UCSC) invites applications for a leadership position at the Teaching Professor level. UCSC’s WP has a faculty of ~45, largely comprising union-represented lecturers. We are seeking a Writing Studies/Rhetoric and Composition generalist with expertise in program and faculty development who can contribute to a longstanding program with a curriculum that is currently undergoing revision in response to the changing needs of incoming UCSC students. The successful candidate will have training and professional experience in the field of Writing Studies/Rhetoric and Composition and have a record of scholarship in the desired areas of expertise, including but not limited to writing program development, curriculum design, faculty development, writing program administration, and/or Writing Across Curriculum/Writing in the Disciplines (WAC/WID); will teach a range of writing courses and share administrative responsibilities with other Writing Program faculty; and will take a leadership role in grant writing for course and faculty development. We are interested in candidates with a track record of having collaborated successfully with other campus units engaged in related enterprises.

Normative work load for all Senate faculty at UCSC is measured at the equivalent of 8 quarter-long courses; Teaching Professors in the WP have a teaching load of 6 quarter-long courses with two course releases for service. Additional course release is ordinarily approved to support programmatic need. The successful candidate will participate in WP business such as placement, program and personnel reviews, and discussions of pedagogy and policy; contribute to campus-wide work relating to undergraduate education; and at some point serve a term as program chair, which carries additional course release. In addition to teaching and scholarship, the successful candidate will also be expected to train and supervise graduate student instructors from a number of fields preparing to teach classes in the program. The ability to contribute significantly to graduate education and the mentoring of graduate students is highly desirable.

The WP offers a lower-division writing curriculum that includes entry-level writing courses (ELWR), Composition 1 and Composition 2 courses, and writing courses for English language learners (the Multilingual Curriculum, or MLC). The curriculum is currently being revised.

The WP is an independent unit within the Humanities Division, which also includes the Departments of Feminist Studies, History, History of Consciousness, Linguistics, Languages & Applied Linguistics, Literature, and Philosophy. The Division has a strong tradition of collaborative and interdisciplinary work, and encourages applications from qualified candidates eager to extend their activities across departmental and disciplinary boundaries.

The successful candidate must be able to work with students, faculty and staff from a wide range of social and cultural backgrounds. We are especially interested in candidates who can contribute to the diversity and excellence of the academic community through their scholarship, teaching, and service, and we particularly value those who can play leadership roles in pursuing the goal of increasing diversity within the campus community.

RANK: Lecturer with Security of Employment

Lecturers with Security of Employment hold full time academic year positions with the rights and responsibilities of membership in the Academic Senate. Teaching, professional achievement and activity, and University and public service constitute the criteria for advancement. Appointees to these titles are expected to demonstrate, or have the potential to demonstrate, intellectual leadership, as documented by materials demonstrating that the candidate has made outstanding and recognized contributions to the development of his or her special field and/or of pedagogy, through publication (either in traditional forms or in electronic format), creative accomplishments, or other professional activity.

SALARY: Commensurate with qualifications and experience

BASIC QUALIFICATIONS: Ph.D. degree or equivalent foreign degree. A minimum of six years of university-level teaching. Demonstrated experience teaching college composition and rhetoric, including teaching writing to multilingual, second language, heritage, and/or Generation 1.5 students. Experience in program leadership and administration. A record of university service and scholarship in Writing Studies/Rhetoric and Composition. Demonstrated experience with the pedagogy of writing and rhetorical theory.

PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS: Preferred candidates will have the ability to help the Writing Program to administer its revised curriculum and help faculty develop and teach the curriculum. Preferred candidates will have a background in writing program development, curriculum design, faculty development, writing program administration, and/or WAC/WID.

POSITION AVAILABLE: July 1, 2018, with academic year beginning September 2018

TO APPLY: Applications are accepted via the UCSC Academic Recruit online system, and must include (1) a detailed letter of application describing how your teaching, training, and administrative experiences prepare you for this position; (2) a curriculum vitae; (3) three current confidential letters of recommendation* dated September 2015 or later; and (4) two sample syllabi, including syllabus and writing assignments, for a composition course akin to Writing 20 (ELWR) and a course akin to Writing 2 (C2). For course descriptions and other information, see the Writing Program website at http://writing.ucsc.edu/. Applicants are invited to submit a statement addressing their contributions to diversity through scholarship, teaching and/or service. Documents/materials must be submitted as PDF files.

Apply at https://recruit.ucsc.edu/apply/jpf00474 Refer to Position #jpf00474-18 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 November 2, 2017. To ensure full consideration, applications should be complete and letters of recommendation received by this date. The position will remain open until filled, but not later than 6/30/2018.

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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