Photography Technician

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School of Fine Art and Music, College of Arts

Full-Time Position: 10-Month Continuing Appointment
Work period is approximately August to May each year
Off work period is June to July each year
Hiring #: 2021-0260

Please read the Application Instructions [1] before applying

The School of Fine Art and Music (SOFAM) is seeking a qualified technician to provide technical support for the Photography Area. Additional support and expertise may be provided to other areas of SOFAM as needed.

The successful candidate will support the educational objectives of the undergraduate curriculum, and the research and creative activities of faculty and students through classroom support, individual consultation, workshops and technical demonstrations. The candidate will assist lecturers with development and delivery of technical instruction and experimental creative workshops for beginner to advanced photography students. The photography technician’s role includes ensuring that undergraduate students, graduate students, and faculty are provided with technical training and safe and organized access to the photography labs, studio facilities, and equipment. The technician will therefore work closely with students and faculty, assisting students with their coursework, and supporting faculty in their teaching and research. This support includes demonstrations on equipment, software, materials, and processes, in-depth individual support, provision of materials and tools, and digital printing. The position also includes administrative tasks, maintenance of spaces, equipment repair, calibration and updating of computers, printers, peripherals and software; supervision of undergraduate lab assistants; and physically demanding work that includes the handling of some hazardous darkroom chemicals. Additional responsibilities may also be required.

Requirements of the position include:

- Undergraduate degree in Studio Art or Photography and a minimum of one (1) year of previous technical experience in photography, or an equivalent combination of education and experience;
- Prior university or college teaching or instruction experience considered an asset;
- Expert technical and artistic understanding of digital, analogue, studio-based and experimental photography, and all related equipment;
- Demonstrated willingness to remain informed of new developments in the field;
- Thorough proficiency in Photoshop, Bridge and/or Lightroom, Microsoft Word, Excel, and PowerPoint;
- Experience with all programs in the Adobe Creative Suite and video knowledge would be an asset;
- Ability to use, manage and maintain equipment, chemistry, cameras, scanners, and enlargers including DSLR and SLR cameras, medium and large format film cameras, light meters, electronic flash, tungsten and LED lighting systems, Macintosh computers and software, Epson printers, photographic enlargers, drymount presses, copy stands, and power tools;
- Expert skill in contemporary digital photography, associated software, flat bed and Imacon scanners, and post-production;
- Knowledge of studio lighting, backdrops, and all studio equipment;
- Ability to provide technical demonstrations;
- Ability to mentor and assist art students in all aspects of the photographic process: studio or on-site setup, lighting, camera and lens selection, composition, as well as scanning, software manipulation, printing,
finishing, framing, and presentation options;

- Demonstrated ability to interface with coworkers, students, and University stakeholders in an equitable and accessible manner to contribute to a culture of inclusion and respect;
- Strong organization, self-motivation, interpersonal and communication skills, with an ability to inspire;
- Ability to work confidently under pressure and excellent problem-solving and multi-tasking skills are all required.

This appointment is regularly performed on-campus but will be initially fulfilled both remotely (off-campus) and on-campus until the University resumes its regular operations.

Position Number 267-017
Classification USW, Local 4120 Salary Band 6
Salary Range $27.72 Minimum
$30.98 Normal Hiring Limit
$37.50 Job Rate

At the University of Guelph, fostering a culture of inclusion[2] is an institutional imperative. The University invites and encourages applications from all qualified individuals, including from groups that are traditionally underrepresented in employment, who may contribute to further diversification of our Institution.

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