

**Howard University**  
**Department of English**

The Department of English in the College of Arts and Sciences invites applications for a tenure-track position at the rank of Assistant Professor with research interests in the area of African American literature. We welcome applicants who can bridge African American literary studies with one or more of the following areas of study: Afro-futurism and science/speculative fiction; environmental studies in literature, theory and culture; Black popular cultures (visual and material); and digital humanities and/or technology studies. We seek outstanding scholars with a demonstrated track record of excellence in research and teaching. Successful candidates are expected to develop vigorous, extramurally funded research programs in their areas of expertise, actively participate in the Department's teaching and curriculum development at the undergraduate and graduate levels, and mentor undergraduate and graduate students. Evidence of interest and success in mentoring underrepresented students is highly desired.

Howard University, a culturally diverse, comprehensive, research intensive and historically Black private university, provides an educational experience of exceptional quality at the undergraduate, graduate, and professional levels to students of high academic standing and potential, with particular emphasis upon educational opportunities for Black students. Howard University is currently classified as an R2 research university with aspirations and actions underway to achieve R1 status within the next few years. It is a residential campus of approximately 12,000 students located in the heart of the nation's capital, Washington, DC.

The Department of English currently consists of 20 tenured/tenure-track faculty members, conducting research with specializations in African American, American, British and Caribbean and comparative literatures and critical theory. It offers BA and PhD degrees in these areas.

### **Required Qualifications:**

- Earned doctorate in English (or a related field such as Afro-American Studies or Cultural Studies) from an accredited institution;
- Record of scholarship, teaching, and professional service commensurate with the rank of assistant professor; and
- Evidence of effective communication and organizational skills.

Complete applications consist of a single PDF file containing

- 1) Letter of interest addressing qualifications listed above;
- 2) Current *curriculum vita*;
- 3) Two-page statement of research accomplishments, interests and future plans;
- 4) Two-page statement of teaching experience and philosophy; and
- 5) Names and contact information for at least three references who will provide letters upon request from the search committee.

Completed applications should be addressed to the Chair of the search committee: Dr. Dana Williams and submitted electronically to [D.Williams@howard.edu](mailto:D.Williams@howard.edu). Preliminary screening will begin on December 1 and continue until February 1. The desired starting date is August 16, 2023. Additional details and information can be found at <http://english.howard.edu>.

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