



## Assistant Professor in Technical Communication and Rhetoric

### Position Description:

The Department of English in the College of Arts and Sciences at Texas Tech University invites applications for a full-time, 9-month, tenure-track Assistant Professor in Technical Communication and Rhetoric, with a specialization in user experience design and digital rhetoric, to begin fall 2025.

### About the University:

Established in 1923, Texas Tech University is a Carnegie R1 (very high research activity) Doctoral/Research-Extensive, Hispanic Serving, and state-assisted institution. Located on a beautiful 1,850-acre campus in Lubbock, a city in West Texas with a growing metropolitan-area population of over 300,000, the university enrolls over 40,000 students with 33,000 undergraduate and 7,000 graduate students. As the primary research institution in the western two-thirds of the state, Texas Tech University is home to 10 colleges, the Schools of Law and Veterinary Medicine, and the Graduate School. The flagship of the [Texas Tech University System](#), Texas Tech is dedicated to student success by preparing learners to be ethical leaders for a diverse and globally competitive workforce. It is committed to enhancing the cultural and economic development of the state, nation, and world.

### About the College:

Founded in 1925 as one of the university's four original colleges, the College of Arts & Sciences is comprised of 15 departments, offering a wide variety of courses and programs in the humanities, social and behavioral sciences, mathematics, physical sciences, and natural sciences. The College has more than 10,000 students enrolled representing more than a quarter of the overall Texas Tech University student population while maintaining a 22:1 student to faculty ratio.

### About the Department/School/Area:

The Department of English is a diverse, dynamic, and interdisciplinary department with 45 tenure-line faculty and undergraduate and graduate degree programs in English and in Technical Communication and Rhetoric. Tenure-line faculty in the department teach a 2/2 at both the undergraduate and graduate level, in onsite, hybrid, and online modalities. The Technical Communication and Rhetoric program offers a BA, MA, and PhD in onsite, hybrid, and online delivery modalities. We also offer graduate certificates in Grants & Proposals and in Teaching Technical Communication. With around 120 students in our robust graduate program, our 15 faculty have opportunities to teach graduate courses in our areas of interest. Our program affords excellent facilities, including communication-rich classrooms, and opportunities to conduct research through the User Experience Lab, the Media Lab, and the Letterpress Studio. Please visit <http://www.depts.ttu.edu/english/> for information about the Department of English and the Technical Communication and Rhetoric program.

### About Lubbock:

Referred to as the "Hub City" because it serves as the educational, cultural, economic, and health care hub of the South Plains region, Lubbock boasts a diverse population and a strong connection to community, history, and land. With a mild climate, highly rated public schools, and a low cost of living, Lubbock is a family-friendly community that is ranked as one of the best places to live in Texas. Lubbock is home to a celebrated and ever-evolving music scene, a vibrant arts community, and is within driving distance of Dallas, Austin, Santa Fe, and other major metropolitan cities. [Lubbock's Convention & Visitors Bureau](#) provides a comprehensive overview of the Lubbock community and its resources, programs, events, and histories.

### Major/Essential Functions:

In line with TTU's strategic priorities to engage and empower a diverse student body, enable innovative research and creative activities, and transform lives and communities through outreach and engaged scholarship, applicants should have experience working with diverse student populations at the

undergraduate and/or graduate levels within individual or across the areas of teaching, research/creative activity, and service.

#### **Required Qualifications:**

1. PhD in English, Rhetoric and Writing Studies, Technical Communication, or a related field by time of hire;
2. At least 2 years of demonstrated record of effectiveness as a teacher at the college level; and
3. A record of peer-reviewed publication that has contributed to the discipline and/or a research and publishing agenda.

#### **Preferred Qualifications:**

In addition to the required qualifications, individuals with the following preferred qualifications are strongly encouraged to apply:

1. Applicants who specialize in technical communication and rhetoric, with research and teaching interests that focus on user experience design, digital rhetoric, and complementary areas such as disability studies, social justice, grant writing, risk communication, and/or program administration; and
2. Applicants with administrative experience in program, department, college, university, and/or professional levels;
3. Applicants with 2 years of online teaching experience; and
4. Applicants with a record of scholarship supported by funding as evidenced by internal and/or external grants.

#### **Safety Information:**

Adherence to robust safety practices and compliance with all applicable health and safety regulations are responsibilities of all TTU employees.

#### **Equal Opportunity Statement:**

All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, national origin, age, disability, genetic information or status as a protected veteran.

#### **Special Instructions to Applicants:**

Please include the following documents in your application:

1. Curriculum Vitae
2. Cover Letter
3. List of references (3 names and email addresses)

Questions about this position should be directed to **Dr. Jason Tham**, Search Committee Chair at [jason.tham@ttu.edu](mailto:jason.tham@ttu.edu). If you need assistance with the application process, contact Human Resources, Talent Acquisition at [hrs.recruiting@ttu.edu](mailto:hrs.recruiting@ttu.edu) or 806-742-3851.

#### **Application Process**

The deadline to submit applications is on **October 15, 2024**.

To ensure full consideration, please complete an online application at:

<https://sjobs.brassring.com/TGnewUI/Search/home/HomeWithPreLoad?partnerid=25898&siteid=5637&PageType=JobDetails&jobid=874097>

(If clicking on the link doesn't work, please copy and paste the full URL to a browser to open the application portal.)

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