FULL-TIME NON-TENURE TRACK POSITION: COSTUME DESIGNER/INSTRUCTOR/SHOP MANAGER
DEPARTMENT OF THEATER

POSITION SUMMARY

The Full-Time, Non-Tenure Track Costume position at Occidental College includes teaching, costume shop management, and costume design responsibilities. This is a 9-month position beginning on August 16, 2021. The initial contract is for one year but may be extended to renewable 3-year terms upon review, subject to Union contract guidelines.

SUMMARY OF DUTIES, RESPONSIBILITIES AND GOALS

- Teach between 8-12 units of courses in an annual year. These courses include costume design, costume construction, stage makeup, period styles, and other design courses as needed.
- Train and supervise students completing costume production lab hours and student/casual labor staff who build the costumes for three Theater Department Productions and support assorted student and class generated projects;
- Maintain equipment and stock in the costume shop and the storage areas of the Theater Department;
- Design for three mainstage productions, and/or supervise designs by students or guest designers.
- Work with costume designers (student, faculty, and guest artist) to build, rent, and purchase materials and costumes for our productions, working within the budgets established for each production.

QUALIFICATIONS

MFA in costume design/technology preferred accompanied by a record of successful teaching at the college level and a portfolio of produced design work.

Demonstrated ability to:
- teach costume technology and design classes;
- supervise student and professional staff;
- work with budgets of time, money, and labor;
- Design and realize costumes for a range of historical periods and production styles.

Additional expertise in other areas of theater or film design and technology will enhance the application.

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Please submit a cover letter, CV, teaching statement, 3 letters of recommendation and a link to portfolio materials by March 1, 2021. Address to Professor Sarah Kozinn, c/o theatersearch@oxy.edu.

Occidental, a highly selective and nationally ranked small liberal arts college located in Los Angeles, California, is widely recognized for its diverse student body, its commitment to academic excellence and equity, and its outstanding undergraduate research programs.
The mission of Occidental College is to provide a gifted and diverse group of students with a total educational experience of the highest quality - one that prepares them for leadership in an increasingly complex, interdependent and pluralist world. The distinctive interdisciplinary and multicultural focus of the College’s academic program seeks to foster both the fulfillment of individual aspirations and a deeply rooted commitment to the public good.

We are committed to academic excellence in a diverse community and strongly encourage applications from candidates who will further Occidental’s mission of excellence and equity in their teaching, scholarship, and/or service. All non-tenure track faculty are represented by the Service Employees International Union, Local 721 for Non-Tenure Track Faculty. Named one of America’s most beautiful campuses, the College is situated in the vibrant neighborhoods of Eagle Rock and Highland Park in Northeast Los Angeles, allowing convenient access to major cultural and natural attractions in the nation’s second largest city. As one of the few urban liberal arts colleges in the country, Occidental affords students and faculty a unique pedagogical engagement with vast resources outside of the classroom.

Occidental College is an Equal Opportunity Employer and does not discriminate against employees or applicants because of race, religious creed, color, national origin, ancestry, physical disability, mental disability, medical condition, genetic information, marital status, sex, gender, gender identity, gender expression, age, or sexual orientation or any other characteristic protected by State or Federal Law. We strongly encourage underrepresented minorities, women, and LGBTQIA+ candidates to apply.

We will consider for employment all qualified Applicants, including those with Criminal Histories, in a manner consistent with the requirements of applicable state and local laws, including the City of Los Angeles’ Fair Chance Initiative for Hiring Ordinance.