

Graduate Instructor Positions in the Program in Writing and Communication

The Program in Writing and Communication (PWC) invites applications from Rice University graduate students, in all disciplines, for Instructor positions in the 2020-2021 academic year. Instructors are responsible for designing and teaching one or two First-year Writing-Intensive Seminars (FWIS).

FWIS courses provide an opportunity to introduce first-year students to the interesting questions or challenges in your field of study. They are content-based, three credit hour seminars in which writing plays a significant role in the assignments, instruction, and grading. Seminars should also include an oral presentation component. FWIS courses are capped at 15 students.

To be eligible, applicants must be in their fourth year of graduate study (as of fall 2019) or beyond, in good academic standing, and making progress toward their degree. Instructorship applicants must provide proof of the approval of their thesis advisor and department chair. All candidates must provide evidence of prior teaching experience at a college or university.

To apply, candidates should submit electronically the application materials listed below to Ms. Elaine Chang, PWC Program Coordinator, by February 7, 2020 (ElaineChang@rice.edu).

Application Materials

- Cover letter
- CV
- Scholarly writing sample
- Two letters of recommendation, at least one of which should address the candidate's teaching experience (Ask recommenders to send letters directly to Elaine Chang)
- Progress Toward Degree form confirming that the candidate is in good academic standing
- Proposals for two FWIS courses. Please indicate whether you prefer to offer a FWIS in fall 2020 or spring 2021.
- Teaching evaluations (recommended, not required)

Each FWIS proposal should include:

- Course title
- 2-3 paragraph description of proposed topic
- List of course goals related to content
- Indication of how seminar will be writing-intensive with brief descriptions of assignments
- Some examples of readings.

To view FWIS learning objectives and sample proposals, visit <http://pwc.rice.edu/faculty>. Complete syllabi are not required but are welcomed.

Applicants will be evaluated based on the quality of their FWIS proposal(s), teaching record and experience, demonstrated promise for teaching writing, and recommendations. Selection will also depend on PWC funding considerations and the need for FWIS sections in certain disciplines.

Compensation: Graduate students who no longer qualify for department funding and are hired as Instructors, with full responsibility for a FWIS, will be paid \$7500 per course and receive a tuition award for the semester in which they teach, if they are not eligible for a tuition waiver. Graduate students who still receive a department stipend and are hired as Instructors, with full responsibility for a FWIS, will be paid \$7500 in addition to their department stipends.

For more information, please contact Dr. Dave Messmer (dmessmer@rice.edu), Director of the First-year Writing-Intensive Seminar Program.