

Postdoctoral Instructors in the Program in Writing and Communication

The Program in Writing and Communication (PWC) at Rice University invites applications for Postdoctoral Instructorships for 2020-2021. To be eligible, applicants must have earned a Ph.D. at Rice University in May 2018 or after, or be a candidate for the Ph.D. at Rice with expectation of completion of all degree requirements before June 1, 2020.

PWC Instructors teach 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.

The PWC Postdoctoral Instructorships is a two-year, non-renewable position. Instructors will teach four FWIS courses (a 2-2 load) each year and have other duties in association with the Center for Academic & Professional Communication (CAPC) and the PWC. All candidates must provide evidence of prior teaching experience at a four-year college or university. Candidates with a record of full responsibility for teaching writing-intensive courses will receive priority consideration.

To be eligible for these positions, candidates who do not have a Ph.D. in hand at the time of application must defend their dissertations and submit the thesis (thereby completing all degree requirements) by June 1, 2020. At the time of application, candidates must submit the Progress Toward Degree form confirming that they will be able to meet this deadline.

Candidates must apply via RICEworks by February 7, 2020. The position will be posted in RICEworks during the week of January 20th.

Application Materials

- Cover letter
- CV
- Scholarly writing sample
- Two letters of recommendation, at least one of which should address the candidate's teaching experience and ability
- Progress Toward Degree Form confirming that the candidate is on track to complete all degree requirements by June 1, 2020
- Proposals for two FWIS courses
- Teaching evaluations (recommended, not required)

Each FWIS proposal must 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.

Select applicants will be interviewed. Applicants will be judged based on the quality of their interview and FWIS proposal(s), teaching record and experience, demonstrated promise for teaching writing, recommendations, and commitment to university- level teaching. Selection will also depend on PWC funding considerations and needs for FWIS sections in certain disciplines.

Compensation: Fellows will earn a salary of \$38,000, as well as benefits.

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