Assistant Professor of Technical and Professional Communication
University of South Carolina, Columbia

The Department of English at the University of South Carolina invites applications for a full-time, tenure-track Assistant Professor position in Technical and Professional Communication. We seek a scholar with a research agenda focused on diversity and social advocacy in technical and professional writing and communication. Research emphases might include rhetorics of health and medicine; disability studies; universal design and inclusive accessible design; TPC pedagogy; intercultural or cross-border communication in medical, community, and organizational contexts; multilingualism or global Englishes in TPC; or improving information design and communication for oppressed, underrepresented, or minoritized communities. Evidence of the ability to conduct excellent research is essential. The successful candidate should be prepared to offer courses in the undergraduate major concentration in Writing, minor in Professional Writing and Communication, and M.A. and Ph.D. in Rhetoric and Composition, where the teaching load is typically 2/2. Ph.D. in a relevant field must be in hand by August 16, 2024.

All applicants must complete an online application at: https://uscjobs.sc.edu/postings/154418. Applicants must submit a letter of application, CV, writing sample, and letters of recommendation from three references. Review of applications will begin on November 6, 2023 and will continue until the position is filled. Inquiries about the search may be directed to the search committee chair, Chris Holcomb (holcombc@mailbox.sc.edu).

A nationally ranked department, English at USC is home to undergraduate and graduate programs in Literature, Creative Writing, Rhetoric and Composition, and Speech Communication. Our faculty also work in interdisciplinary units within the College of Arts and Sciences, including African American Studies, Comparative Literature, Film and Media Studies, Global Studies, Linguistics, and Women’s and Gender Studies.

The University of South Carolina’s flagship campus in Columbia is an R1 University, classified by the Carnegie Foundation as one of only 107 public and 39 private institutions of higher education with “very high research activity” and a strong focus on community engagement. The University offers more than 350 degree programs and houses a nationally-ranked library system. With over 35,000 students on the main campus and more than 52,000 students system-wide, the University serves a diverse population from across the state and beyond it. The city of Columbia, the state capital, is ranked by U.S. News and World Report as one of the Best Places to Live in the U.S. and is close to mountains and the coast.

At the University of South Carolina, we strive to cultivate an inclusive environment that is open, welcoming, and supportive of individuals of all backgrounds. We recognize diversity in our workforce is essential to providing academic excellence and critical to our sustainability. The University is committed to eliminating barriers created by institutional discrimination through accountability and continuous process improvement. We celebrate the diverse voices, perspectives, and experiences of our employees.

The University of South Carolina is an affirmative action, equal opportunity employer. Minorities and women are especially encouraged to apply. The University does not discriminate in educational or employment opportunities on the basis of race, sex, gender, gender identity, transgender status, age, color, religion, national origin, disability, sexual orientation, genetics, protected veteran status, pregnancy, childbirth, or related medical conditions.