

The School of Communication Studies at Ohio University is looking for a School Director (chair) to commence prior to the beginning of the 2019-20 academic year

The School of Communication Studies (COMS) seeks a teacher-scholar-leader who will bring demonstrated commitment to both undergraduate and graduate education, exhibit an appreciation for diverse theoretical and methodological approaches to communication, and help to foster a culturally diverse and pluralistic faculty committed to working in and demonstrating respect for a multicultural environment. The Director is expected to promote excellence in teaching, and research and creative activity. We seek a colleague who will engage in collaborative decision-making, promote shared governance, and advocate for the students, faculty, and staff of the School. The ideal candidate should have experience in administrative work, ideally including managing a budget, scheduling classes, facilitating meetings, and interacting with diverse constituencies.

In addition to primary work on the Athens campus, the Director coordinates and consults with COMS colleagues on the University's six regional campuses, helping to maintain consistency in policies, where appropriate, and collaborating on the development and delivery of the School's curriculum. The COMS program also encompasses E-learning, including online programs such as a bachelor's degree completion program and an applied master's degree program taught by Athens and regional campus faculty.

Applicants should hold a Ph.D. or equivalent in Communication Studies and have a strong record of teaching and scholarship commensurate with appointment as a tenured faculty member at the rank of full professor. The person hired will be appointed to a five-year term as Director with the possibility of renewal and will teach undergraduate and graduate courses in her/his area of specialization.

The School of Communication Studies (<http://www.ohiocommstudies.com/>) is one of five schools housed in Ohio University's nationally recognized Scripps College of Communication. The College is a designated Center of Excellence in the State of Ohio. On the Athens campus, the School offers B.S.C. and Ph.D. degrees serving approximately 450 undergraduate majors and 40 graduate students. In addition to their academic work on campus, members of the School's faculty serve as leaders in regional and national scholarly organizations. The School's undergraduate and graduate students also actively participate in professional organizations as well as campus organizations such as Lambda Pi Eta and the National Communication Association Student Club. The School is also the home of one of the nation's oldest and finest intercollegiate forensics programs.



Chartered in 1804, Ohio University is the oldest university in the Northwest Territory. Enrollment at the Athens campus is approximately 21,000 students with more than 7,500 additional students on the regional campuses. First-year undergraduate students average in the top 25% nationally in GPA and standardized test scores. Students from all 50 states and 104 countries are enrolled in OU. To learn more about Ohio University and the surrounding region, please see <http://www.ohio.edu> and <http://athenschamber.com>.

Review of applications will begin January 2, 2019 and continue until the position is filled. For full consideration, candidates should apply by January 2, 2019. Applicants should formally apply for this position at <http://www.ohiouniversityjobs.com/postings/27997>. The application should include: (1) a cover letter that specifies qualifications and administrative philosophy, fit with the job description, and fit with the School; (2) curriculum vitae; (3) statement of research interests; (4) teaching philosophy together with evidence of teaching effectiveness (i.e., scores and student comments); and, (5) contact information for three references who may be contacted after the committee's initial screening of applications. Inquiries should be directed to Dr. Roger Aden (aden@ohio.edu), Search Committee Chair, School of Communication Studies, 429 Schoonover Center for Communication, Ohio University, Athens, OH 45701-2979.

Ohio University is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer. We especially encourage applications from women, minorities, veterans, and persons with disabilities. OU offers benefits to same sex and opposite sex domestic partners, some of which could be considered taxable. Preferred candidates would contribute to the climate of diversity in the College, including a broad range of scholarly approaches. The University community strives to create an educational environment in which students refine their abilities to reason and communicate clearly so as to become responsible citizens in a diverse world.

