Northwestern University’s Department of Radio/Television/Film seeks an outstanding Professor of Dramatic Writing (television writing/screenwriting/playwriting) to teach as part of our interdisciplinary MFA in Writing for the Screen + Stage.

This is a tenured position. We seek a writer with a national and international reputation, who has had an impact on the field with a substantial innovative body of work, ideally with an emphasis on underrepresented and LGBTQ+ voices.

We welcome candidates who work across different media – we have strong ties to the Department of Theatre, the Department of Performance Studies, and the Department of Communication Studies.

Preferred Start Date: September 1, 2023

Preferred qualifications:
1. MFA degree (or equivalent professional experience)
2. At least one year of teaching at the University Level
3. Substantial writing credits in Television/Film/Theatre

Duties:
- Teaching classes in the RTVF dramatic writing curriculum
- Serving as a core faculty member of the MFA in Writing for the Screen + Stage
- Admissions and recruitment for the MFA program
- Service to the Department of Radio/TV/Film

Salary: Competitive, depending on qualifications and experience.

Application procedure: Applications and supporting documents will be accepted only by online submission here. For full consideration, please include the following materials in your application: a cover letter describing your work and your teaching, a CV, at least one full-length play/screenplay/teleplay (writing sample), and three contacts for letters of recommendation. Forward questions regarding the position to Search Committee Chair, Zayd Dohrn.

The Schools: The School of Communication has five departments and offers a suite of interdisciplinary undergraduate, professional, and graduate programs. The departments span the communication arts and sciences including the Department of Radio-Television-Film, the Roxelyn and Richard Pepper Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders, the Department of Communication Studies, the Department of Performance Studies, and the Department of Theatre (which includes music theatre and dance). The faculty of over 180 includes 99 tenure-eligible faculty. The school offers instruction to roughly 1000 undergraduate majors and 650 graduate and professional students. Founded over 144 years ago, the School
has been a leader in developing the communication disciplines and professions, and continues to be a center of excellence in the communication arts and sciences. Our current Dean is E. Patrick Johnson.

The University: Northwestern University is one of the nation’s largest private research universities. Located on the shore of Lake Michigan, the main campus is in Evanston and the medical campus is 12 miles south in downtown Chicago. There is continuing expansion of University facilities and programs, particularly in the sciences and medicine. Diverse cultural, social, and recreational activities abound on and near each campus.

Application Deadline: November 15, 2022. For full consideration, applications should be submitted by the deadline, but review of applications may continue until the position is filled.

Northwestern requires all staff and faculty to be vaccinated against COVID-19, subject to limited exceptions. For more information, please visit our COVID-19 and Campus Updates website.

The Northwestern campus sits on the traditional homelands of the people of the Council of Three Fires, the Ojibwe, Potawatomi, and Odawa as well as the Menominee, Miami and Ho-Chunk nations. We acknowledge and honor the original people of the land upon which Northwestern University stands, and the Native people who remain on this land today.

Northwestern University is an Equal Opportunity, Affirmative Action Employer of all protected classes, including veterans and individuals with disabilities. Women, racial and ethnic minorities, individuals with disabilities, and veterans are encouraged to apply. Click for information on EEO is the Law.