The Department of Theatre at Northwestern University, in collaboration with the Department of Radio/Television/Film, is searching for a tenure-eligible faculty member at the rank of Assistant Professor in the area of Acting. We seek to recruit an individual engaged in impactful and visionary lines of research related to acting for the stage and mediated environments. We seek a candidate with strong creative expression/research agendas and a passion for undergraduate teaching and learning. We welcome applicants with expertise in areas including, but not limited to, the following: basic acting; acting for everyday life; acting for the camera; public speaking; and acting as a resource for play and engaged citizenry. Our intention is to recruit individuals with a track record of, or potential to develop, cutting-edge programmatic research to move the field of acting for everyone forward. The successful candidate will be expected to teach in the undergraduate programs within the two departments. Our departments have strong ties to multiple research entities, providing a strong infrastructure to support translational research, and collaborations across disciplines.

Preferred Start Date: September 1, 2023

Salary: Competitive, depending on qualifications and experience.

Qualifications:
1. Strong communication skills and willingness to work in a vibrant, expansive departmental environment
2. A professional profile in theatre, as well as an earned MFA and/or commensurate professional experience in higher education instruction
3. Experience/expertise in film and television as an actor or director

Duties:
- Four undergraduate courses per year shared between Theatre and Radio/Film/Television
- Develop and maintain a vibrant curriculum of acting for undergraduate students adjacent to the Theatre major
- Service as commensurate with tenure-track appointment

Application procedure: Applications will only be accepted via submission to our faculty recruiting system here. Please including the following materials in your application: a cover letter that describes your teaching, research interest, and experience; a current vita; three contacts for letters of recommendation; two work samples of scholarly work or creative work, a teaching portfolio including at least two sample syllabi, and a diversity statement (including past and/or potential contributions to diversity/inclusion through research/creative activity and teaching), and other relevant materials. Please forward questions to the Search Committee Chair, Thomas F. DeFrantz. For more information about the Department, please visit us online.
Application Deadline: December 9, 2022. For full consideration, applications should be submitted by the deadline, but review of applications may continue until the position is filled.

The School: 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.

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