

# Tenure-track Assistant Professor of Art

Job #JPF02020

- Art / College of Humanities, Arts & Social Sciences / UC Riverside

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## POSITION OVERVIEW

**Position title:** Assistant Professor

**Salary range:** Salary is commensurate with education and experience.

**Anticipated start:** July 1st, 2025

**Review timeline:** January 15, 2025

## APPLICATION WINDOW

**Open date:** November 18, 2024

**Next review date:** Wednesday, Jan 15, 2025 at 11:59pm (Pacific Time)

Apply by this date to ensure full consideration by the committee.

**Final date:** Wednesday, Jan 15, 2025 at 11:59pm (Pacific Time)

Applications will continue to be accepted until this date.

## POSITION DESCRIPTION

The Department of Art at the University of California, Riverside, invites applications from artists well-versed in contemporary practice across artistic disciplines to join the faculty at the rank of Assistant Professor. The starting date for the position is July 1, 2025.

The department seeks applications from artists whose work provides a rich cultural engagement at the forefront of contemporary art using media such as, but not limited to, sculpture, photography, film/video, performance, sound, installation, or evolving materials and technologies. We are looking for an artist with a conceptually driven art practice, an expanded approach to material and media, and a strong record of exhibiting. We seek a colleague with a breadth of knowledge of both contemporary and historical precedents who challenges the limits of existing conventions and who is capable of mentoring students across media and practice.

UCR is ranked among the nation's most ethnically and economically diverse universities. As such, the institution prioritizes attracting and retaining a diverse faculty that reflects our student population.

Faculty positions at the University of California entail research, teaching, and service responsibilities. The successful candidate must demonstrate ability and strong interest in teaching studio-based classes at all undergraduate levels and contribute to diverse approaches in shaping the curriculum. The department serves a diverse student body, and the successful candidate will bring pedagogical approaches to foster an inclusive space for experimentation. In addition, the new faculty member should possess the versatility to teach MFA graduate students in an explorative and open approach to traditional and interdisciplinary media. The position's service roles include mentoring graduate students, participating on departmental and university committees, and sharing the governance of the Department of Art.

The UCR Department of Art is located in the Arts Complex and offers extensive facilities for art production, including spacious painting and drawing studios, state-of-the-art photographic and digital imaging equipment, a full sculpture lab with CNC and 3d printing capacities, and video production equipment, as well as editing stations. Our MFA program is non-media specific. Graduate students are offered generously sized, light-filled studios and competitive funding opportunities. The University is located roughly an hour (60 miles) east of Los Angeles and benefits from access to an internationally acclaimed art community.

A complete application includes:

- Cover letter including a narrative bio summarizing your accomplishments, research, and teaching experience.
- Curriculum Vitae - Your most recently updated C.V.
- Artist Statement
- Statement of Past and/or Planned Future Contributions to Advancing Diversity and Inclusive Excellence
- Statement of Teaching
- Contact information for three references who can provide a recommendation letter upon request. References will be contacted at a later time for shortlisted applicants.
- Portfolio (PDF - max. size 50MB). Creative work should be submitted in a single PDF document curated specifically for the search committee that includes up to 20 images or Vimeo hyperlinks (the combined total running time of your files may not exceed 12 minutes) and no more than 5 pages of writing samples, artist book excerpts or press. Please include relevant captions and descriptions (title, medium, size, and date) for each work. Please check your final PDF to

ensure the hyperlinks work.

- Evidence of Teaching Effectiveness- including one sample course syllabi for an undergraduate course and, if available, teaching evaluations.

Applicants who use Interfolio may utilize a feature provided by the Interfolio Service to allow Interfolio to upload their letters directly into AP Recruit. Applicants can input an Interfolio- generated email address in place of their letter writer's email address. Interfolio refers to this as Online Application Deliveries. The following link on the Interfolio website shows how to set this up <http://help.interfolio.com/entries/24062742-Uploading-Letters-to-an-Online-Application-System>.

Review of the applications will begin on January 15, 2025 and will continue until the position is filled. Applications received by January 15, 2025, will receive full consideration.

The posted UC salary scales set the minimum pay determined by rank and/or step at appointment. See Table(s): [https://www.ucop.edu/academic-personnel-programs/\\_files/2024-25/oct-2024-scales/t3.pdf](https://www.ucop.edu/academic-personnel-programs/_files/2024-25/oct-2024-scales/t3.pdf). Salary ranges for this position are: \$103,700-\$129,600. "Off-scale salaries" and other components of pay, i.e., a salary that is higher than the published system-wide salary at the designated rank and step, are offered when necessary to meet competitive conditions.

Advancement through the faculty ranks at the University of California is through a series of structured, merit-based evaluations, occurring every 2-3 years, each of which includes substantial peer input. Assistant Professors are required to undergo a mandatory 7th-year review for promotion to Associate Professor, although this can occur earlier.

Department: <https://art.ucr.edu/>

## QUALIFICATIONS

**Basic qualifications** (required at time of application)

- MFA or equivalent training.
- A record of significant research (exhibitions, commissions, etc.).
- Experience teaching at university level.

**Preferred qualifications**

UCR is a world-class research university with an exceptionally diverse undergraduate student body. Its mission is explicitly linked to providing routes to educational success for underrepresented and first-generation college students. A commitment to this mission is a preferred qualification.

Candidates are expected to have a broad understanding of the history and theory of art with an emphasis on painting that encompasses contemporary practices and concerns.

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- Artist Statement
- Statement of Teaching
- Evidence of Teaching Effectiveness - Including one sample studio (any media) course syllabi and, if available, teaching evaluations.
- Statement of Past and/or Planned Future Contributions to Advancing Diversity and Inclusive Excellence - In a "Statement of Past and/or Planned Future Contributions to Advancing Diversity and Inclusive Excellence", we ask applicants to describe their past and/or potential future contributions to promoting a diverse, equitable, and inclusive environment, which is a key requirement of the role of every faculty member and administrator at UCR. There are numerous ways to contribute, and a commitment to this part of our mission can be reflected through research, teaching, supervision, mentoring, community engagement, service, and any of the other varied activities that are a part of an academic career.
- Portfolio - Upload a PDF document that includes images and/or links to video documentation specifically curated for the search committee. Prioritize your recent and most accomplished work with any writings/statements and notable reviews.
- Misc / Additional (Optional)
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**Reference requirements**

- 3 required (contact information only)

The contact information for three references who can provide a recommendation letter upon request. References will be contacted at a later time for shortlisted applicants.

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## ABOUT UC RIVERSIDE

The University of California, Riverside is a world-class research university with an exceptionally diverse undergraduate student body. UCR is a member institution of the American Association of Universities (AAU) as well as the Alliance of Hispanic Serving Research Universities (HSRU). Its mission is explicitly linked to providing routes to educational success for underrepresented and first-generation college students. A commitment to this mission is a preferred qualification.

The University of California is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer. All qualified candidates will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, age, disability or protected veteran status.

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For the University of California's Anti-Discrimination Policy, please visit: <https://policy.ucop.edu/doc/1001004/Anti-Discrimination>.

As a University employee, you will be required to comply with all applicable University policies and/or collective bargaining agreements, as may be amended from time to time. Federal, State, or local government directives may impose additional requirements.

## JOB LOCATION

Riverside, CA