



COLLEGE OF FINE ARTS & COMMUNICATION

LAMAR UNIVERSITY™

DEPARTMENT OF DEAF STUDIES & DEAF EDUCATION

Applications and nominations are invited three faculty positions in the Deaf Studies and Deaf Education Department.

The University seeks a person who is fluent in American Sign Language, with high energy, enthusiasm, and vision to work within the department. The Department offers coursework at the undergraduate level in the area of American Sign Language (BA-ASL). At the graduate level the department has a Master's degree in Deaf Studies/Deaf Education. At the Doctoral level, the department has a long standing Ed.D. in Deaf Studies and Deaf Education. In addition, the BA and MS areas offer coursework leading to teacher certification.

The successful candidate will possess strong teaching, research, and writing skills. The candidate must possess strong leadership skills and interpersonal skills with demonstrated work experiences with colleagues exhibiting positive collegiality. Faculty reports to the Chair of the Deaf Studies and Deaf Education Department.

Responsibilities include:

1. Advise and counsel undergraduate ASL majors and graduate majors in Masters and Doctoral Deaf Education programs.
2. Teach undergraduate, masters, and doctoral courses within the Department, as program needs mandate.
3. Serve on departmental, college, and university committees as necessary.
4. Conduct research, scholarly activities, and grant writing to meet program needs.
5. Provide supervision for department majors during field experiences.
6. Meet other day-to-day responsibilities of the faculty position as necessary.

Lamar University is a member of The Texas State University System, has an

enrollment of approximately 14,000 students, and offers a wide variety of baccalaureate and masters degrees, as well as doctorates in four disciplines. Lamar faculty have a strong commitment to teaching excellence combined with research. Non-traditional students comprise almost 25% of the student enrollment at this culturally diverse, metropolitan university, while 70% of the student body is full-time and under the age of 25. Located on the banks of the Neches River in Southeast Texas, Beaumont is only 85 miles from Houston and 35 miles from the Gulf of Mexico beaches. Leisure opportunities abound nearby in the Big Thicket National Preserve and lake areas of East Texas. A wide range of cultural activities are provided through a regional symphony orchestra, art museum, historic houses, opera, ballet and theater companies. The cultural centers of Houston and Galveston offer many kinds of aesthetic enrichment. A year-round temperate climate increases opportunities for outdoor recreational activities.

The position will be available for Fall of 2017. This is a 9-month position with the possibility of Summer teaching opportunities. This will be a tenured-track position with rank and salary appropriate to experience and evidence of a terminal degree.

Required Qualifications:

The University seeks a person with knowledge, skills and proficiencies in providing training to students in careers related to ASL Studies and Deaf/Studies Education. The successful candidate will have:

1. Have an earned doctoral degree in Deaf Education, American Sign Language, Linguistics, or a closely related field. ABDs may be considered.
2. Knowledge of Deaf culture and extensive personal and professional experiences within the Deaf community as well as fluency in American Sign Language.
3. Demonstrated teaching research and publication skills.

Preferred Qualifications:

1. Ability to demonstrate depth of knowledge regarding the EC-12 application of ASL/English bilingual education and evidence based practices.
2. Ability to demonstrate depth of knowledge and understanding in ASL acquisition by L1 and L2 learners.

Preference will be given to candidates:

- 1) who are Native ASL user.

- 2) with three years of classroom experience with EC-12 deaf children.
- 3) with experience supervising student teachers.
- 4) with university teaching experience.

Applicants should attach a cover letter and complete curriculum vitae to their electronic application and the names, addresses, telephone numbers and email addresses of five references. Reference letters may be sent to: Chair of the Deaf Studies and Deaf Education Faculty Search Committee, c/o Human Resources Lamar University, P. O. Box **11127**, Beaumont, Texas 77710.