The Department of Music and Dance, University of Massachusetts Amherst Announces a Faculty Position in:

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF DANCE/DANCE EDUCATION

Position: Assistant Professor, tenure track.

Salary: Commensurate with rank

Minimum qualifications: MFA/MA in Dance/Dance Education. Potential for or already established national reputation in the field. Strong interest and/or experience in developing courses in Dance Education and Community Engagement

Responsibilities: In addition to courses in dance education, teaching will include one or more of the following courses: dance technique (either ballet, modern, jazz or contemporary) and one or more courses aimed both at dance students and general students, such as Dance History, Dance Composition, Dance Science, or Dance and Culture. The new colleague will be expected to collaborate in the expansion and promotion of the undergraduate BFA and BA programs, including curriculum review and development, and will share in the administration of the dance program, including, but not limited to, participating in department meetings, strategic planning, and oversight of recruitment and student retention. S/he will contribute to and advocate for the mission of the dance program to the College of Humanities and Fine Arts, the Five College Dance Department, and the UMass community. Other duties include advising students, supervising student concerts, and attending departmental and university events throughout the academic year. Position begins September 1, 2016.

The successful candidate will be one who maintains successful teaching and creative/research activities with continued engagement in the profession. S/he has an interest in or knowledge of administration and curriculum development; strong professional affiliations in the field of dance, performance, arts education, arts administration, and/or dance science; broad knowledge of current practices in dance and a history of dance/art advocacy; a commitment to collaboration; and excellent interpersonal and communication skills.

For priority consideration, applicants should apply by November 20, 2015. Additional supporting materials may be requested from finalists. Application materials will not be returned.

To apply, submit a cover letter, curriculum vitae, list of referees with contact information and statement of teaching philosophy, uploaded to:

http://umass.interviewexchange.com/jobofferdetails.jsp?JOBID=64949

The University Dance program offers B.F.A. and B.A. programs in dance. It is the only B.F.A. program in the state universities of New England. Located in the beautiful Pioneer Valley in Western Massachusetts, the University is 90 miles from Boston and 150 miles from New York City. The dance program is part of the University’s Department of Music and Dance, and an active part of the Five College Dance Department, which includes the dance programs at Amherst, Smith, Hampshire, and Mount Holyoke Colleges.

The university is committed to active recruitment of a diverse faculty and student body. The University of Massachusetts Amherst is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer of women, minorities, protected veterans, and individuals with disabilities and encourages applications from these and other protected group members. Because broad diversity is essential to an inclusive climate and critical to the University’s goals of achieving excellence in all areas, we will holistically assess the many qualifications of each applicant and favorably consider an individual’s record working with students and colleagues with broadly diverse perspectives, experiences, and backgrounds in educational, research or other work activities. We will also favorably consider experience overcoming or helping others overcome barriers to an academic degree and career.

We are seeking talented applicants qualified for an assistant professor position. Under exceptional circumstances, highly qualified candidates at other ranks may receive consideration.