About UMass Amherst

UMass Amherst, the Commonwealth's flagship campus, is a nationally ranked public research university offering a full range of undergraduate, graduate and professional degrees. The University sits on nearly 1,450-acres in the scenic Pioneer Valley of Western Massachusetts, and offers a rich cultural environment in a bucolic setting close to major urban centers. In addition, the University is part of the Five Colleges (including Amherst College, Hampshire College, Mount Holyoke College, and Smith College), which adds to the intellectual energy of the region.

The Department of Music & Dance at the University of Massachusetts Amherst announces a faculty position in MUSIC EDUCATION / INSTRUMENTAL SPECIALIST

The Music Education Program seeks a highly-motivated, creative, dynamic instrumental music educator and researcher who demonstrates a commitment to visionary music education practices, within traditional and non-traditional settings inside and outside of schools. This person will join a faculty that values collaboration, innovation, and inclusion in its mission of preparing music teachers and music teacher educators.

Position: Assistant Professor of Music Education, Instrumental Specialist. This is a full-time nine-month tenure-track position to begin on September 1, 2019.

Salary: Commensurate with Assistant Professor rank. Opportunities available to participate in summer course offerings for additional compensation.

Qualifications:

- ABD required for consideration; completed doctorate in music education or other relevant field required at time of appointment.
- A minimum of 3 years of successful public school music teaching experience required.
- College-level teaching experience preferred.
- Demonstrated record of success as an instrumental music educator with knowledge of instrumental (band and orchestral) pedagogy and literature required.
- Record of and/or demonstrated potential for significant scholarly contributions to the field required.
- Expertise in quantitative research preferred.
- Interest and/or experience in traditional and non-traditional music education practices, as well as an interest in developing new course offerings and community engagement opportunities in support of the graduate program.
- Ability to work effectively as part of a team and independently.

Responsibilities: Teach and team-teach undergraduate music education courses including instrumental methods; teach graduate music education courses according to expertise and program needs; supervise student teachers; advise undergraduate and graduate students; guide graduate research and capstone projects. Assignment will depend on candidate’s areas of expertise and the needs of the Department. Maintain an active, well-articulated research agenda.
including scholarly presentations and publications nationally and regionally. Offer practice-related presentations for current teachers in the field. Build and maintain professional relationships with music educators on the local, regional, and national levels. Participate in department, university, and professional service.

To apply, submit 1) a cover letter, 2) a curriculum vitae, 3) list of three current referees with full contact information including valid email addresses, and 4) at least two representative examples of scholarship. Additional supporting materials, including a teaching video, may be requested from finalists. Application materials will not be returned.

Submit all application items to: 

Review of applications will begin on October 12, 2018, and continue until the position is filled.

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.