

Assistant Professor of Instruction – Civic Leadership

Position Description

The School of Economic, Political and Policy Sciences invites applications for a full-time Assistant Professor of Instruction (non-tenure-track). The position involves teaching a minimum of two organized political science courses per semester and providing service contributions to the program and serving as director of the UT Dallas Initiative for Civic Leadership. The ideal candidate should be experienced in university instruction at the graduate and undergraduate levels and be able to teach a wide range of political science courses in theory and policy. This position has no research expectations.

As director of the Civic Leadership Initiative, the ideal candidate will support university recruitment and retention through the creation of a unique experiential and civic learning program. This program will be situated within the School of Economic, Political and Policy Sciences, but it will be open to students of all majors supporting internship opportunities in local government.

The appointment commences for the fall 2026 semester.

Qualifications

Minimum Education and Experience: A PhD or equivalent in Political Science, Public Policy, Public Affairs or a related discipline is required prior to employment. Candidates are expected to demonstrate the ability to work effectively in a highly collaborative, engaging, and dynamic environment comprised of individuals with a range of backgrounds, skills, and perspectives. We are seeking candidates able to deliver high quality teaching using evidence-based practices to effectively engage students from a range of backgrounds and experiences.

Preferred Education and Experience: Prior experience of honors-level teaching is preferred.

The School

The School of Economic, Political and Policy Sciences (EPPS) at UT Dallas is a national leader in research addressing critical social, political, and economic issues. Our graduates work in government, nonprofits, and the private sector, with many pursuing advanced degrees that prepare them for leadership roles in advancing positive change on the local, national, and global level.

Application Instructions

Applicants should upload the following via the online [application](#):

- Full curriculum vitae and cover letter summarizing their interests and qualifications for the position.
- Statement of teaching philosophy describing their conceptualizations of teaching and learning, and teaching and assessment methods, and how their teaching practices will engage students from a range of backgrounds and experiences.
- Full contact information for at least three academic or professional references.

Priority will be given to completed applications received by **March 20, 2026**. Reviews will continue until the position is filled or the search is closed on **March 26, 2026**.

The University and Community

UT Dallas is a top public research university located in one of the nation's fastest-growing metropolitan regions. Our seven schools offer more than 140 undergraduate and graduate programs, plus professional certificates and fast-track programs. Our student body is approximately 30,000 strong, reflecting students from over 100 countries and a multiplicity of perspectives and experiences. Over 65% of our undergraduate students receive some form of need- or merit-based financial aid; and 66% of graduating seniors have no student debt compared to 48% in Texas and 32% in the nation (2021 TICAS report).

UT Dallas is committed to graduating well-rounded members of the community whose education has prepared them for rewarding lives and productive careers in a constantly changing world. Our mission centers on providing Texas and the nation with excellent and innovative education and research. The University's rapid growth is fueled by our creative and enterprising spirit, bright students, innovative programs, renowned faculty, dedicated staff, engaged alumni, and research that matters.

The University promotes a welcoming environment through programs and initiatives designed to support engagement and success for members of the campus community. Employee benefits include a range of physical and mental wellness resources, competitive insurance and retirement plan options, lactation facilities located throughout the campus, and Employee Resource Groups (ERGs) comprised of individuals who share common interests to help build community among UT Dallas faculty and staff (e.g., Universal Access ERG, Military and Veteran ERG, UT Dallas Young Professionals). Additionally, the University's modern campus, 400+ campus organizations, and prime location foster collaboration and community.

Situated in Richardson, Texas, the University's location offers abundant professional development and entertainment options. The Dallas-Fort Worth (DFW) metroplex is rich with visual and performing arts venues, museum districts, professional and semi-professional athletics teams, botanical gardens, accessible trails, and much more, ensuring there's something for everyone. The University's partnerships with regional higher education institutions, local school districts, numerous companies, and the [Richardson Innovation Quarter](#) (Richardson IQ) – a major hub for innovation, entrepreneurship, and educational activities – promotes collaboration, professional growth, and educational excellence.

Equal Employment Opportunity

The University of Texas at Dallas is committed to providing an educational, living and working environment that is welcoming, respectful, and inclusive of all members of the university community. The University [prohibits unlawful discrimination](#) against a person because of their race, color, religion, sex (including pregnancy), sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, national origin, age, disability, genetic information, or veteran status.