WESTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY
Museum Studies Graduate Program
WIU Quad Cities Campus, Moline, IL
Unit B Instructor of Museum Studies

Read the full position description and submit your application online at https://wiu.interviewexchange.com/jobofferdetails.jsp?JOBID=206857

Key Responsibilities

The School of Communication, Media, and Experience Industries in the College of Business, Health, and Community Professions invites applications for a Unit B Instructor in Museum Studies. This is an associate faculty position with a primary emphasis on undergraduate teaching, with the possibility of contributing to graduate instruction in the MA and Post-Baccalaureate Certificate programs in Museum Studies program

The successful candidate will teach Museum Studies courses in face-to-face and livestream formats. The position supports a student-centered, workforce-aligned curriculum and contributes to ongoing program quality and continuous improvement efforts.

- Teach courses in Museum Studies; potential to teach graduate courses in the School of Communication, Media, and Experience Industries.
- Deliver instruction in multiple modalities, including face-to-face, livestream, and online
- Maintain instructional quality and engage students in a supportive learning environment
- Contribute to student success through accessibility, communication, and mentoring
- Collaborate with faculty on curriculum alignment, course development, and program assessment
- Participate in assurance of learning and continuous improvement processes
- Engage in service activities appropriate to an associate faculty appointment
- Advise students on coursework, internships, and museum career paths
- Keep regular office hours, in person and virtually
- Assist in the development and assessment of curriculum and student learning outcomes
- Support hands-on learning in the Museum Studies Lab, including exhibit installation.

Qualifications

Required Qualifications:

- MA in Museum Studies, Public History, Art History, Anthropology, or a related field.
- Professional experience working in or with museums.
- College-level teaching experience, including online delivery.
- Ability to teach simultaneously to in-person and live-stream audiences.

Preferred Qualifications:

- Two or more years of college teaching, ideally at the graduate level.
- Experience with synchronous online discussion or lecture-capture classrooms.
- Experience supervising applied projects.
- Record of professional activity (e.g., AAM, AASLH, state museum associations), publications, or grants.
- Experience working with diverse students, communities, and partner organizations.

For a degree to be considered, it must be conferred from a regionally accredited degree-granting institution of higher education (or equivalent from an international accrediting body). Unless otherwise stated, the degree must be conferred at the time of appointment.

At a Glance

START DATE: August 19, 2027; located in Quad Cities (Moline, IL)

RANK & SALARY: Instructor, 9-month, 100% appointment. $70,000 –80,000 per year, commensurate with experience.

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For a full list of benefits as a WIU employee, please visit our Benefits Homepage: https://www.wiu.edu/human_resources/benefits/

For questions on benefits or eligibility, contact our benefits team at HR-Benefits@wiu.edu or by calling 309-298-1971.

How to Apply
Complete applications include:
1) a letter of application
2) current curriculum vita or resume
3) copies of unofficial or official academic transcripts; official copies will be requested of selected candidates
4) the names, telephone numbers, and e-mail addresses of three current professional references

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Application review begins: November 30, 2026

Questions? Contact Jeremy Robinett at jl-robinett@wiu.edu

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