

Announcement – Fulbright College of Arts and Sciences

Job Title: Assistant Professor of Early Modern British Literature
Department/School: Department of English
Location: Fayetteville, AR
Start date: August 16, 2027

Position Summary: The Department of English in the Fulbright College of Arts and Sciences at the University of Arkansas invites applications for a tenure-track Assistant Professor in Early Modern British Literature to start in August 2027. This is a standard nine-month faculty appointment.

The successful applicant can expect to teach two courses per semester, including Introduction to Shakespeare. Other courses could include a graduate course on early modern British literature, an upper-level undergraduate Special Topics course, a survey of early British literature, and Introduction to Literature for majors and non-majors.

The University of Arkansas has a vibrant community of pre-modernists and an active program in Medieval and Renaissance Studies that sponsors reading groups, conferences, and a colloquium series. The University of Arkansas, ranked as a Research 1 doctoral university with very high research activity by the Carnegie Foundation, is the flagship university in the state system. In addition to teaching duties, the successful applicant will be expected to pursue an active program of research and contribute to the institution's research mission as well as perform academically related service. We seek a candidate with a strong and developing national reputation, achieved through a compelling research record.

Duties include designing graduate and undergraduate courses, providing curriculum material, constructing syllabi, leading classroom instruction, developing assessments, coaching students in the writing of essays, and mentoring and evaluating students.

This is an in-person position. Most university classes are offered face-to-face, and extensive in-person engagement in such activities as office hours, student advising, and departmental, college, and university committee meetings is essential to advancing student success and departmental effectiveness.

Regular, reliable, and non-disruptive attendance is an essential job duty, as is the ability to create and maintain collegial, harmonious working relationships with others.

About the Department:

The English department offers courses in a wide variety of historical periods and cultural movements, as well as courses in creative writing, translation, and rhetoric and composition. Learn more at: <http://english.uark.edu>.

Duties will include:

- 40% Teaching or Professional Performance
- 40% Research/Scholarly and/or Creative Activities
- 20% Academic Service Activities

Minimum Qualifications:

- A terminal degree in English or a closely related field from an accredited institution of higher education conferred by the date of initial appointment.
- Evidence of, or a demonstrated potential for, an active research agenda.

- Demonstrated record of effective teaching at the undergraduate level.
- Experience in, or evidence of potential for, teaching an introductory course on Shakespeare for majors in English and English Education.

Preferred Qualifications:

- A clear and original research agenda likely to result in a strong publication record necessary for tenure expectations.
 - Demonstrated ability to develop effective undergraduate and graduate classes that complement the current course catalog.
 - Demonstrated ability to teach introductory courses for undergraduate students from all majors.
 - Demonstrated interest or experience in interdisciplinary, transdisciplinary, and/or cross-campus collaborations.
 - Evidence of the drive to be an active, involved, and collegial member of a collaborative faculty team both on campus and in relevant national service organizations.
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APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Completed applications received by October 15, 2026, will be assured full consideration. Late applications will be reviewed as necessary to fill the position.

For additional inquiries, please contact the search committee chair, Dr. Lora Walsh at ljwalsh@uark.edu.

For a complete position announcement and information regarding how to apply, visit:

https://uasys.wd5.myworkdayjobs.com/en-US/UAF_External_Career_Site/details/Assistant-Professor-of-Early-Modern-British-Literature_R0091515?q=R0091515

Applicants must submit:

- a curriculum vitae
- a cover letter/letter of application
- a writing sample (max 12k words)
- a list of three professional references (name, title, email address, and phone number) willing to provide letters of recommendation if requested during the application process.

Review of applications will begin immediately and will continue until the position is filled.

Annual Salary/Benefits Package: Salary is commensurate with experience and qualifications.

As an employer, the University of Arkansas offers a vibrant work environment and a workplace culture that promotes a healthy work-life balance. The benefits package includes university contributions to health, dental, life and disability insurance, tuition waivers for employees and their families, 12 official holidays, immediate leave accrual, and a choice of retirement programs with university contributions ranging from 5 to 10% of employee salary.

EMPLOYER INFORMATION

The University of Arkansas: Founded in 1871 as a land grant institution, the University of Arkansas is classified by the Carnegie Foundation among the top two percent of universities in the nation with the highest level of research activity. Ten colleges and schools serve more than 27,100 students with more than 200 academic programs. University of Arkansas students earn nationally competitive awards at an impressive rate and represent 50 states and more than 120 countries. The University of Arkansas is committed to providing an educational and work environment in which thought, creativity, and growth are stimulated, and in which individuals are free to realize their full potential.

Fulbright College: The Fulbright College of Arts and Sciences is a vital public good. We provide a transformational education that prepares all students to lead and thrive in a complex world. Our research, scholarship, and creative expression address society's great challenges and push the boundaries of human understanding. As the largest and most academically diverse unit on campus, with 3 schools, 16 departments, and 43 academic programs and research centers, Fulbright College brings the world to Arkansas and Arkansas to the world.

The Community: Fayetteville is home to the University of Arkansas campus and is known for its spectacular views and ample green spaces. Fayetteville is considered one of the country's finest college towns, and the surrounding northwest Arkansas region is regularly ranked as one of the best places to live in the U.S. Some of the nation's best outdoor amenities and most spectacular hiking trails are within a short drive of campus.

For more information, visit: <https://diversitynwa.com/>

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