

**Department of Africana Studies  
University of Tennessee  
Job Description**

**Africana Studies and Global Health**

University of Tennessee

Arts & Sciences/Africana Studies/Multi-Disciplinary

Institution Type: College/University

Location: Tennessee, United States

Position(s): Tenure-Track Faculty

ARTS AND SCIENCES: TENURE-TRACK POSITIONS

The Department of Africana Studies at the University of Tennessee-Knoxville invites applications for a tenure-track, Assistant or Associate Professor of Africana Studies. African Studies has a 55-year history on UTK's campus but recently transitioned to a fully-fledged department, with tenure-line faculty and a major, minor, and graduate certificate. The Department seeks a colleague, whose work focuses on Africana Studies and Global Health and whose research agenda encompasses a broad spectrum of scholarship and creative activity related to the Continent (and/or peoples) of Africa, the African Diaspora, and/or the African American experience.

With an anticipated start date of August 1, 2024, we seek an individual, whose work focuses on Africana Studies in the behavioral and social sciences and whose research agenda may encompass a broad spectrum of scholarship and creative activity related to the Continent (and/or peoples) of Africa, the African Diaspora, and/or the African American experience. We are interested in scholars whose work explores health, wellness, and/or medicine within an international or global perspective. Most importantly, we seek a colleague who will help propel Africana Studies at UTK into a leading department nationally and globally through world-class scholarship and teaching.

We encourage applications for this position from qualified individuals pursuing research agendas aligned with our Africana Studies academic unit, especially consistent with the buildout of "Health, Psychology, and Ecologies" concentrations, which emphasizes the study of the human condition (physical and mental health and behavior) and the environmental living context of African-descended people around the world. Though this position is a 100% appointment in Africana Studies, this position will include the opportunity to affiliate with other academic units/programs in the faculty members' areas of scholarly interest (e.g., Women, Gender, and Sexuality; Global Studies).

UTK is a land-grant university and values engaged forms of research/scholarship/creative activity, teaching and service, and considers evidence of these commitments in the records of applicants. The successful candidate must have strong research skills and a research agenda that will lead to publication in academic journals and/or books and a commitment to excellent

teaching and service. The Knoxville campus of the University of Tennessee is seeking candidates who have the ability to contribute in meaningful ways to the diversity and intercultural goals of the University.

## **Qualifications**

PhD in Africana/Pan African/African American and African Studies or another related field are preferred.

### *Assistant Professor Rank*

Terminal degree is required by time of appointment.

### *Associate Professor Rank*

Evidence of tenure attained at current university.

## **Additional Desired Qualifications:**

- Experience or demonstrated ability to design and deliver face-to-face and/or hybrid format courses
- Experience teaching one or more courses as the instructor of record at the undergraduate or graduate level
- Experience in -or- the potential to engage in service and mentorship to advance the department of Africana Studies.

## **Application Instructions**

Applications will receive fullest consideration if submitted by **priority deadline of November 1, 2023. Selected candidates will be asked to participate in a preliminary virtual interview.** Position will remain open until filled. Please submit the following materials to <http://apply.interfolio.com/133747>. Only electronic applications will be considered and acceptable. File formats are .pdf or docx.:

1. A letter of application;
2. A curriculum vitae;
3. Three letters of reference;
4. A research prospectus that includes how their research explores Africana Studies and Global Health in one of the areas outlined above; and
5. A teaching statement.

Questions about the position should be directed to the Chair of the Search Committee, Dr. LaToya Eaves ([leaves1@utk.edu](mailto:leaves1@utk.edu)).

The position is a 9-month, tenure-track appointment, and salary is competitive and commensurate with qualifications and experience. More information about the department can be

found here: <https://africana.utk.edu/>.

The University of Tennessee, Knoxville, is the state's flagship research institution, a campus of choice for outstanding undergraduates, and a premier graduate institution. As a land-grant university, it is committed to excellence in learning, scholarship, and engagement with society. To learn more about UTK see: <https://provost.utk.edu/welcome-future-utk-faculty/>

### **Equal Employment Opportunity Statement**

All qualified applicants will receive equal consideration for employment and admission without regard to race, color, national origin, religion, sex, pregnancy, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity, age, physical or mental disability, genetic information, veteran status, and parental status, or any other characteristic protected by federal or state law. In accordance with the requirements of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, the University of Tennessee affirmatively states that it does not discriminate on the basis of race, sex, or disability in its education programs and activities, and this policy extends to employment by the university. Inquiries and charges of violation of Title VI (race, color, and national origin), Title IX (sex), Section 504 (disability), the ADA (disability), the Age Discrimination in Employment Act (age), sexual orientation, or veteran status should be directed to the Office of Equity and Diversity, 1840 Melrose Avenue, Knoxville, TN 37996-3560, telephone 865-974-2498. Requests for accommodation of a disability should be directed to the ADA Coordinator at the Office of Equity and Diversity.