

Department of Bilingual and Literacy Studies

Assistant Professor in Reading/Literacy Professor

The Department of Bilingual and Literacy Studies at The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley is accepting applications for an Assistant Professor in Reading/Literacy position.

UTRGV is a newly-established institution bringing together the assets and resources of The University of Texas-Pan American and The University of Texas-Brownsville. With a total enrollment exceeding 29,000, UTRGV is one of the largest institutions of higher education in Texas and the second largest Hispanic-service institution in the nation, with an emphasis on educating 21st century leaders and professionals who are culturally fluent and have a deep understanding of the perspectives, languages, and values of different cultures. The new university will also be home to a medical school in fall 2016. UTRGV is in the middle of one of the fastest growing areas in the nation, the southern tip of Texas known as the Rio Grande Valley.

The Department of Bilingual and Literacy Studies offers graduate programs and undergraduate courses designed to help educators meet the linguistic and literacy needs of preschool through grade 12 students. We support the education of diverse students in monolingual, bilingual and multilingual settings. Our faculty and students are committed to understanding the linguistic and literacy strengths of traditionally underserved populations, examining the educational needs of children in these communities, and designing and implementing curriculum, instruction, and policy that will support their language and literacy achievement.

Position Information

Posting Number	FRGV0366
Tenure Status	Tenure Track
Scope of Job	The Department of Bilingual and Literacy Studies is accepting applications for an Assistant Professor position in Reading/Literacy to begin Fall 2016. Responsibilities include any or all of the following: conducting research, writing grants, and engaging in other scholarly activities; teaching undergraduate courses in the teacher preparation program; teaching graduate courses in existing master's programs; integrating technology and/or teaching online; supervising field experiences in schools; advising master's students and chairing graduate committees; contributing to program development; participating in college performance assessment activities; and providing service and outreach to the university and to the profession. UTRGV faculty are expected to demonstrate a strong commitment to student success and to advancing the university, college, and program missions, as well as a commitment to UTRGV's guiding principles (http://www.utrgv.edu/en-us/about-utrgv/history/transition-plan/guiding-principles/).
Minimum Qualifications	The successful candidate must hold an earned doctoral degree from an accredited institution in literacy, reading or a strongly related field with at least 18 hours of graduate work in literacy/reading. Candidates who are ABD during the interview process must be awarded their degree by September 1, 2016. The candidate must be capable of teaching undergraduate and graduate courses in person and online. The candidate must show potential in scholarship and grant acquisition.
Preferred Qualifications	Preference will be given to applicants with at least three years of teaching experience in public schools, and a commitment to school partnerships and community initiatives. Additionally, preference will be given to applicants with a strong background in multiculturalism, diversity, and equity.

**License or
Certification
Required?** No

Desired Start Date 09/01/2016

Open Date 11/02/2015

**Review of
Candidates Start
Date** 12/01/2015

**Additional
Information** UTRGV is a distributed institution. As such and as assigned, the position may require presence at multiple locations throughout the Rio Grande Valley. Work is performed primarily in a general office environment. This position is security sensitive and thereby subject to the provisions of the Texas Education Code §51.215. The retirement plan for this position is Teacher Retirement System of Texas (TRS), subject to the position being at least 20 hours per week and at least 135 days in length. This position has the option to elect the Optional Retirement Program (ORP) instead of TRS, subject to the position being 40 hours per week and at least 135 days in length.

Please Note Texas law requires faculty members whose primary language is not English to demonstrate proficiency in English as determined by a satisfactory paper-based test score of 500 (computer-based of 173 or internet-based of 61) on the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or a satisfactory test score of 6.0 on the International English Language Testing System (IELTS). Incomplete applications will not be considered.

EEO Statement

UTRGV is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer that strives to hire without regard to race, color, national origin, sex, age, religion, disability, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, genetic information or veteran status. UTRGV takes affirmative action to hire and advance women, minorities, protected veterans and individuals with disabilities.

Diversity Statement

UTRGV is a Hispanic-serving Institution dedicated to student success and building a diverse faculty committed to working in a multicultural environment. UTRGV has an NSF ADVANCE grant to increase the representation of women in STEM fields and to promote a positive, family friendly workplace for all faculty. We strongly encourage applications from women and minorities.

Visit <https://careers.utrgv.edu/postings/8959> for the complete job posting and application instructions.

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