Confirmed by the Office of the Dean: AK

Pending Budgetary Approval: Yes  
Emergency Posting in accordance with 5.05.03 (iv) of the Collective Agreement:

**Posting Number:** 24-1149

**Posting Date:** August 20, 2024

**Closing Date:** September 17, 2024

**Position Title:** Sessional Faculty Member

**Department/Program:** Communications Program

**Course Number:** COMM-3002H-A

**Course Title:** Media Relations

**Position Start Date:** January 1, 2025

**Position End Date:**  April 30, 2025

**Campus Location**: **Durham**

**Base Stipend or Hourly Rate (Incl. 4% vacation pay)\*:** $9012.06

**Maximum Hours for Hourly Positions:** NA

**Projected Enrolment:** 10

\*Individuals with 5 years of continuous service receive 6% vacation pay

**NOTE:**

* **This position may be subject to Right of First Refusal.**
* **If you are an enrolled Trent University Graduate student applying for this position, complete the** [**Trent University Graduate Student Approval Form**](https://www.trentu.ca/humanresources/sites/trentu.ca.humanresources/files/documents/Graduate%20Studies%20Course%20Instructor%20Approval%20Form%202023%20Fillable.pdf) **and submit it with your application.**
* **Class times and locations are subject to change. Details can be found at:** [www.trentu.ca/timetable](http://www.trentu.ca/timetable)

**BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DUTIES**: (include any significant variation in duties/responsibilities as outlined in Article 5.04 of Collective Agreement)

* Design, organize and present complete course syllabus in accordance with the calendar description as approved by the Chair or Director, Department and the Office of the Dean of Arts & Science**.**
* Principal responsibility for the course (lectures, seminars and labs where applicable)
* Prepare, deliver and facilitate course lectures and/or seminars and workshops as scheduled
* Facilitate discussion and answer student questions
* Assign and grade student work within the established timeline
* Development and administration of tests and examinations
* Invigilate examinations
* Mark and grade student work and calculate all final marks for enrolled students
* Maintain 1 or more office hours per week for student consultation outside of scheduled class time
* Prompt communication with students, Departmental Chair and Academic Administrative Assistant
* Grade breakdowns (with student info, assignment type, weighting, and grade clearly indicated) must be returned to the office by the grade submission deadline
* Exams must be returned to the department office once grading is complete
* Formal appealable work must be retained in accordance with appeals regulations (allowing time for RO to process appeal and forward to dept.), and instructor must have active contact info on file for that period
* Have the flexibility to implement alternative modes of teaching in the event campus courses are interrupted or offered remotely
* Fulfilling any other duties associated with managing the course, such as submitting exam copies to CAT if required.

**QUALIFICATIONS:**

* Ph.D. preferred in the area of Communication is an asset
* Specialized knowledge of the course subject matter as evidenced by research activity and/or prior teaching experience
* Demonstrated evidence of high-quality teaching at the university level
* Strong organizational, administrative, interpersonal and communication skills
* Proficiency and independence using Blackboard Learning Management System
* Experience using digital learning resources and assessments with students
* Candidates should be familiar with the theory and practice of contemporary media relations including topics like the development of media relations plans, working with media organizations and influencers, crafting materials such as press releases, preparing for interviews, and the ethical concerns involved with the subject.
* Experience in the appropriate application of technology to support instruction, interaction, student self-directed learning, and collaboration

APPLICATION PROCEDURES: (Required supporting documentation, transcripts, CV, Referees, etc.)

* Application letter accompanied by a full C.V. stating teaching experience, plus names and addresses of two referees.
* Please forward application and documentation to: commsjobs@trentu.ca

**Curriculum Vitae and past teaching evaluations. Please note: a CUPE member’s previous two years of course evaluations may be reviewed by the Chair in relation to this CUPE posting**

The detailed terms and conditions of employment in relation to this position are in accordance with an existing collective agreement between the University and the Canadian Union of Public Employees, Local 3908.

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All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply; however, Canadian citizens and permanent residents will be given priority.