

Two (2) Assistant Professors (tenure track) in Social Work, Fall 2025

Location
Knoxville, TN

Description

The University of Tennessee College of Social Work (UTCSW) invites applications for a tenure track assistant professor in social work in all areas of social work practice and research. We seek candidates with an independent line of research who can also build on and/or collaborate with current faculty's areas of research strength and contribute to our broadening interdisciplinary and community-based research partnerships. The successful candidate will have a record of scholarly activity, a plan for extramural funding, contribute to the highest-quality graduate and undergraduate social work education, have the ability to contribute in meaningful ways to the access and engagement goals of the College and University and help the CSW move forward in our commitment to anti-oppressive practice, access to education, inclusive excellence, and social justice, as defined by the Council on Social Work Education.

Candidates for this position must have earned their Ph.D. in social work or a related health, social, or behavioral science field, including public health and public policy. Current doctoral students who are ABD and will finish their dissertation by July 31, 2025 are also invited to apply. The positions will be located on the Knoxville campus.

The University and the College of Social Work

The University of Tennessee Knoxville is a land-grant, flagship research institution, that imagines "a world enriched by our ideas, improved through action, and inspired by the Volunteer Spirit of service and leadership." (<https://chancellor.utk.edu/vision/>). The university is currently in the midst of unprecedented growth in enrollment, with approximately 37,000 enrolled students. The University is a Carnegie Foundation Research (R1) University with the designation of highest research activity and has achieved a Carnegie Classification for Community Engagement. Forbes Magazine recently ranked UTK as one of the best places to work in the US, including a ranking of ninth among public higher education institutions in the United States. UTK offers a competitive benefits package, and 9-month tenure-track faculty are eligible for additional summer salary.

The University of Tennessee Knoxville College of Social Work has almost 1,000 students enrolled in undergraduate, MSW, DSW, and PhD programs in Knoxville, Nashville, and online. The College is preparing highly skilled and culturally sensitive social workers to address areas of need across the state, the country, and the globe. The College is home to four research centers and several individual faculty research labs. College faculty conduct interdisciplinary research that focuses on the needs of under-resourced groups.

The UTCSW is committed to the success of our tenure-track faculty. We offer a strong mentoring program, manageable teaching load, competitive start-up funds, pre-tenure

teaching releases, and additional opportunities for internal research funding. The university also offers structural supports for teaching and research innovation.

Campus Location

The City of Knoxville is a hidden gem, located in the foothills of the Great Smoky Mountains. Knoxville has a beautiful and walkable downtown, a diverse music scene, active neighborhoods, unique restaurants, outstanding athletic opportunities, and a robust offering of outdoor and cultural activities. Knoxville enjoys the charm of a small city with activities that range from green energy initiatives and community greenways to thriving festival culture, music, culinary, and outdoor recreation scenes. Knoxville's community brings events such as the Asian Festival, Knoxville Opera's Rossini Festival, Kuumba Festival, Hola Festival, Dogwood Arts Festival to name a few. The city is also home to the Knoxville Museum of Art, the Beck Cultural Center, Women's Basketball Hall of Fame, the Frank H. McClung Museum of Natural History, and the Museum of Appalachia is a short drive from Knoxville. Citing affordability and quality of life, U.S. News and World Report ranks Knoxville among the best places to live.

Qualifications

Required Qualifications

- A Ph.D. in Social Work or a related field (ABD's considered, if the dissertation is expected to be completed by July 31, 2025)
- Evidence of a research agenda with potential for external funding that advances social, racial, economic, and/or environmental justice, among others
- Evidence of - teaching experience at a university level
- Evidence of high-quality research in peer-reviewed publications
- Evidence of commitment to creating an inclusive, supportive climate in classroom and research settings, in alignment with CSWE accreditation standards Preferred

Qualifications

- Master's degree in social work
- Two years post MSW clinical practice experience
- Specific research interests that overlap with one or more of our current faculty
- Commitment to interdisciplinary research and collaboration
- Evidence of high-quality teaching experience such as course development, innovations in teaching, or end of course evaluations
- Experience teaching courses across programs (e.g., undergrad, masters) and modalities (e.g., online, in person)
- Experience working in team-based research groups

Application Instructions

Interested individuals should provide: (1) a cover letter addressing research, teaching, and practice experience as well as experience relevant to each required and preferred qualification, (2) curriculum vitae, (3) a writing sample (preferably a published article), and (4) contact information for three professional references. In your letter, pay specific attention to your experiences that are not easily found on your CV. Priority consideration

will be given to applications submitted by October 14, 2024, though review may continue until an appointment is made. Materials should be submitted electronically <https://apptrkr.com/56918082>. Inquiries may be addressed to the search committee chair, Dr. Bridget Freisthler at bfreisth@utk.edu