

Sterling College

WORKING HANDS. WORKING MINDS.

FACULTY VACANCIES

Sterling College is conducting searches to identify seven new colleagues to join its faculty. The College seeks to make one or more appointments as early as May 2021 and to have all faculty in place by September 2021.

General Qualifications

Having relevant teaching experience, subject matter expertise, and advanced academic credentials and/or substantial practitioner experience in fields related to these searches is essential. Sterling encourages applications from candidates who have professionally demonstrated a commitment to interdisciplinary, experiential, outdoor-oriented, hands-on learning through study and work as well as our ecological thinking and action mission, and a commitment to pedagogy that integrates multicultural perspectives in the curriculum and promotes inclusion in the classroom. The College is committed to in-person instruction, but experience and familiarity using online tools will be seen as a strength. Faculty responsibilities include academic advising and service on committees or councils, and contributing to the foundational curriculum of the college, including A Sense of Place, our longstanding student orientation program. Sterling is one of nine federally designated work colleges. As such, these new faculty members will also serve as work program supervisors.

Fiber Arts

Craftsbury Common, Vermont (part-time)

Sterling College seeks a part-time fiber artist candidate who can teach introductory fiber based classes, maintain our fiber studio space, mentor students in individual projects, and is rooted in the specifics of local ecosystems. The experience of candidates should include: experience as an educator and practitioner in fiber arts, connections with a broad range of artists and craftspeople, and expertise including fiber arts technical skills such as weaving and natural dyeing, and the intersection between fiber and sustainable agriculture.

The successful hire will have access to the studio space for any complementary personal and professional needs beyond the responsibilities of this part-time position, as mutually agreed upon by the Dean of Academics. In addition, opportunities to teach and develop programs for Professional Studies may expand this part-time role.

Outdoor Education

Craftsbury Common, Vermont (two positions; full-time)

Sterling College seeks two candidates who can support further growth in experiential and outdoor education within the major and the curriculum as a whole. The experience and expertise of these new faculty could include: educational pedagogy, urban-based outdoor education, expeditionary skills, therapeutic or adaptive recreation, public teaching licensure, nature-based mentoring, wilderness medicine instruction, business management and program administration, and outdoor technical skills.

Sustainable Agriculture & Food Systems

Craftsbury Common, Vermont (full-time)

Sterling College seeks a candidate with experience and expertise in draft animal power and one or more of the following areas: animal-based agroecology, sustainable livestock production, integrated grazing systems, vertebrate biology, pasture or range ecology, and whole farm planning. The candidate will be expected to

teach courses in the areas listed above, as well as contribute to the foundational curriculum of the college. In addition, this candidate would provide curricular oversight in the draft animal power systems minor.

Sustainable Agriculture & Food Systems

Craftsbury Common, Vermont (full-time)

Sterling College seeks a candidate with experience and expertise in one or more of the following areas: farm and food policy, community food security, sustainable diets or human nutrition, entrepreneurialism and/or non-profit management or small business management. The candidate will be expected to teach courses in the areas listed above, as well as contribute to the foundational curriculum of the college.

Sustainable Agriculture & Food Systems

Port Royal, Kentucky (full-time)

Sterling College seeks to complement existing areas of faculty expertise and to strengthen its focus on sustainable livestock husbandry in its Wendell Berry Farming Program. The College seeks candidates with experience and expertise in one or more of the following areas: animal-based agroecology, sustainable livestock production, integrated grazing systems, pasture or range ecology, appropriate technology. The candidate will be expected to teach courses in these areas, and additional courses in their areas of interests.

Woodworking

Craftsbury Common, Vermont (part-time)

Sterling College seeks a woodworking candidate who can teach introductory wood based classes, maintain our woodworking studio, mentor students in individual projects, and is rooted in the specifics of local ecosystems. The experience and expertise of candidates should include: experience as an educator and practitioner in woodworking, and connections with a broad range of artists and craftspeople. Sample course topic areas include, but are not limited to, machine woodworking, hand tools and green woodworking, and timber framing.

The successful hire will have access to the studio space for any complementary personal and professional needs beyond the responsibilities of this part-time position, as mutually agreed upon by the Dean of Academics. In addition, opportunities to teach and develop programs for Professional Studies may expand this part-time role.

Compensation

Sterling College offers competitive compensation and benefits in vibrant rural communities in the Northeast Kingdom of Vermont (1.5 hours from Burlington) and in Henry County, Kentucky (45 minutes from Louisville). Salary will be commensurate with experience.

Application Instructions

The Dean of Academics and the Search Committee will begin to review candidates on December 1, 2020. Candidates who have submitted materials prior to December 7, 2020 will receive full consideration and the searches will continue until successful appointments have been made.

Please send a cover letter, CV, and details of three references to Caitlin Miller, Executive Assistant to the President and Secretary of Faculty Search (caitlin.miller@sterlingcollege.edu).

Outdoor Education applicants should also send an Outdoor Resume or Experience Log.