

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF INFORMATION SCIENCE

RESPONSIBILITIES AND QUALIFICATIONS

The University of the Ozarks invites applications for a tenure-track Assistant Professor of Information Science position, beginning in August 2027. Candidates should be ABD or have earned a Ph.D. in Information Science or a related field by the start of fall classes in August 2027. Candidates with a master's degree and a record of teaching excellence will be considered. We seek an innovative teacher-scholar who will help develop and strengthen the curriculum in information science and prepare students to use data, technology, and information responsibly and effectively in a wide range of professional and community settings.

The successful candidate will teach introductory and advanced courses in information science and contribute to interdisciplinary programs across the College. Areas of specialization are open, with particular interest in candidates whose teaching and scholarship engage one or more of the following areas: data science and analytics; database design and management; human-computer interaction; information visualization; geographic information systems; artificial intelligence and machine learning; or information ethics and policy. We especially welcome candidates who can help students connect technical knowledge with the human contexts in which information is created, organized, interpreted, and used. The successful candidate will be committed to accessible and inclusive undergraduate teaching and able to engage students with varied levels of technical preparation. The teaching load is 24 credit hours per academic year.

The University of the Ozarks values personal attention and collegiality; thus, familiarity with and understanding of a small, residential campus are highly desirable. Candidates should demonstrate a strong interest in working with a culturally diverse student body. Excellent communication skills and support of the University's mission are also required.

ABOUT UNIVERSITY OF THE OZARKS

Ranked in the Top 10 of Southern region comprehensive baccalaureate institutions by U. S. News & World Report, University of the Ozarks is a Presbyterian-related institution that blends the liberal arts and professional preparation in a student-centered environment emphasizing quality teaching and student learning. The University serves approximately 800 undergraduate students on a beautiful campus in Clarksville, Arkansas, located along Interstate-40 approximately 90 miles northwest of Little Rock, and nestled between the Arkansas River and the Ozark Mountains. The University serves students from diverse religious, cultural, educational and economic backgrounds and welcomes students from throughout the U.S. and from more than 20 countries around the world. Knowing that diversity contributes to academic excellence and rich and rewarding communities, Ozarks is committed to recruiting and retaining a diverse faculty, staff and student body. The University is especially interested in applicants with diverse backgrounds and experiences and those with a successful record of teaching and working with diverse students, including historically underrepresented minority students and other underserved populations. Recent campaigns have enhanced facilities, academic programs and other campus initiatives. For more information about University of the Ozarks, visit www.ozarks.edu.

APPLICATION PROCEDURES

Review of applications will begin immediately and will continue until the search is completed. Please send a letter of application; vita; statement of teaching philosophy; diversity statement; and three current letters of reference, at least one of which addresses teaching ability, to: humanresources@ozarks.edu