## Asst Prof, Strat Comm

## **Posting Details**

**Posting Summary** 

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Posting Number FAC00256PO22

Advertised Title Asst Prof, Strat Comm

Campus Aiken

College/Division USC Aiken College/Division Level

**Department** AIK Communications

**Advertised Salary Range** Salary commensurate with education and experience.

**Location of Vacancy** 

Part/Full Time Full Time

Hours per Week 37.5

Position Category Full-time Equivalent (FTE)

Basis 9 months

Work County Aiken

**Tenure Information** Tenure-Track/Tenured

Job Search Category Faculty

About UofSC

**About University of South** 

Carolina

From the Upstate to the Lowcountry, the University of South Carolina system is transforming the lives of South Carolinians through the impact of our eight institutions and 20 locations throughout the state. More than 50,000 students are enrolled at one of eight institutions, including the research campus in Columbia and comprehensive four-year universities in Aiken, Upstate and Beaufort. In addition, our Palmetto College campuses in Salkehatchie, Union, Lancaster and Sumter enable students to earn associate or bachelor's degrees through a combination of inperson, online or blended learning. All of our system institutions place strong emphasis on service — helping to build healthier, more educated communities in South Carolina and beyond.

**Diversity Statement** At the University of South Carolina, we strive to cultivate an inclusive environment that is open,

welcoming, and supportive of individuals of all backgrounds. We recognize diversity in our workforce is essential to providing academic excellence and critical to our sustainability. The University is committed to eliminating barriers created by institutional discrimination through accountability and continuous process improvement. We celebrate the diverse voices,

perspectives, and experiences of our employees.

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Position Description

Advertised Job Summary Assistant Professor of Communication and Emerging Media – Strategic Communication – University of South Carolina Aiken

The Department of Communication and Emerging Media at the University of South Carolina Aiken (USC Aiken) invites applications for a tenure-track Assistant Professor to start August 16, 2023. USC Aiken is a growing and forward-thinking liberal arts university consistently ranked a top public college in the South. We seek an individual with a Ph.D. in communication or related field; expertise and interest in strategic communication; potential for effective teaching at the undergraduate level; and demonstrated scholarly productivity. The successful candidate will be expected to teach strategic communication courses and core communication courses (both inperson and online), use engaged learning strategies appropriate for the discipline and level; engage in scholarship; provide conscientious academic advisement; and perform service to the department, university, profession, and/or community. The successful candidate will have the opportunity to create and/or redesign classes related to the mission of the department. The Communication and Emerging Media department is engaged in exciting initiatives including building a new Media Learning and Research Lab (MLRL) for hands-on applied media work, two fully-online degrees, and professional partnerships with local industry including the Savannah River National Laboratory.

Ph.D. required by time of appointment. Preference given to candidates with communication, media studies, or mass communication degrees. Salary is commensurate with education and experience.

USC Aiken continues to diversify its faculty ranks to resemble our student population more closely, approximately 40% of whom are from underrepresented racial or ethnic groups. USC Aiken is an affirmative action, equal opportunity employer and does not discriminate in educational or employment opportunities or decisions for qualified persons on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, disability, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity, transgender status, genetics, or protected veteran status, or pregnancy, childbirth, or related medical conditions.

The initial screening of applications will begin February 1, 2023 and continue until the position is filled. To be considered for this position, applicants must apply online and upload the following with their online application: a current CV, cover letter, teaching philosophy, research statement, unofficial graduate and undergraduate transcripts, and full contact information for 3 professional references. Please direct additional questions to Ms. Elizabeth Webb, Search Chair, Department of Communication and Emerging Media, at <a href="mailto:elizabethw@usca.edu">elizabethw@usca.edu</a>. Additional documentation will be solicited as needed.

The Department of Communication and Emerging Media offers two B.A. degrees (Communication B.A. and Emerging Media B.A.) both in-person and online, along with a minor in Communication. We serve approximately 140 majors. Our curriculum for each B.A. degree includes nine core courses and a required capstone internship experience, and is designed to challenge students to understand, integrate and apply theories and principles from both speech and mass communication areas. We emphasize critical thinking and problem-solving skills and are committed to the personal and professional growth of our students.

The University of South Carolina Aiken, a public comprehensive university in the University of South Carolina system, offers undergraduate and master's degrees to more than 3,900 students in 50 programs of study. USC Aiken, newly recognized as a master's-granting university, has long been ranked as a top public regional college in the South by U.S. News & World Report's guide "America's Best Colleges" with 23 consecutive years ranking among the top three and 15 times as #1. Additionally, USC Aiken was recognized for being a Best College for Veterans and a Top Performer in Social Mobility. USC Aiken is South Carolina's COPLAC institution providing a unique and strong liberal arts core within our degree offerings. We boast students from 35 states and 32 countries. USC Aiken has ten NCAA Division II Athletic programs. Learn more about the Department of Communication and Emerging Media and USC Aiken at www.usca.edu.

Situated on 450 acres, USC Aiken is located thirty minutes from Augusta, GA (home of the Masters Tournament and Fort Gordon, new home of US Army Cyber Command), one hour from Columbia, SC, and within three hours of Charleston, SC, coastal beaches, and the Appalachian Mountains. Aiken is noted for its famous thoroughbred horses, numerous parks and golf courses, wonderful weather, spacious avenues, and historic homes.

Required Education and Experience

We seek an individual with a Ph.D. in communication or related field (Ph.D. required by time of appointment); expertise and interest in strategic communication; potential for effective teaching at the undergraduate level; and demonstrated scholarly productivity.

**Preferred Qualifications** 

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Posting Detail Information

Desired Start Date 08/16/2023

**Job Open Date** 11/04/2022

**Job Close Date** 

Open Until Filled Yes

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Positions are advertised for a minimum of five (5) business days on our job website. After five (5) business days, positions can be closed at the discretion of the department at any time. This employment site is updated on a regular basis. The length of the recruitment and screening process may vary from position to position, depending upon a variety of factors. Should review of your qualifications result in a decision to pursue your candidacy, you will be contacted by phone or email.

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Quicklink for Posting <a href="https://uscjobs.sc.edu/postings/134505">https://uscjobs.sc.edu/postings/134505</a>

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pregnancy, childbirth or related medical conditions.

# **Supplemental Questions**

Required fields are indicated with an asterisk (\*).

## **Applicant Documents**

#### **Required Documents**

- 1. Curriculum Vitae
- 2. Cover Letter
- 3. Teaching Statement
- 4. Research Statement
- 5. Other Supporting Documents
- 6. List of References and Contact Information

#### **Optional Documents**