

## **Community Arts Regional Specialist**

(Assistant Extension Professional, Associate Extension Professional, Extension Professional)

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**HEADQUARTERED:** St. Louis, Missouri with assignment to include other surrounding communities/counties as identified by the project

University of Missouri Extension regional specialists provide collaborative leadership and subject-matter expertise to develop, deliver and evaluate educational programs focused on improving lives, communities and economies. Regional specialists provide educational opportunities that enable businesses, farms, families and communities to strengthen the economy and enhance quality of life. Additionally, regional specialists create partnerships with civic and business organizations, educational institutions, local leaders and key stakeholders to identify priorities, increase financial and in-kind resources, and determine how research-based education can best meet the needs of residents.

This position is responsible for providing leadership, program development, coordination, and fundraising for the St. Louis Storytelling Festival in St. Louis, MO with expansion of art-based community and economic development to other communities as identified. In collaboration with the State Community Arts Specialist, develop community arts projects that engage the MU arts faculty and students, local communities, and MU Extension faculty, staff and volunteers. Ensure continued growth of community arts programs, collaborative learning, and creation of programs that enable replication that is flexible and adaptable for different community contexts.

The Community Arts program works collaboratively with MU Arts Departments and Missouri communities to promote community arts as a recognized and valued strategy for economic development, create capacity for community arts development, build community leaders skills and capabilities, and add value through engagement with communities. More information can be found at <http://extension.missouri.edu/communityarts>.

*This is a 12-month academic position. Appointment may be made as non-tenure track ranked (NTT), depending on University approval of the academic credentials and qualifications of the successful candidate.*

### **ESSENTIAL DUTIES:**

1. Work with constituents, colleagues, regional director, program director, and campus faculty to establish program goals. Collaborate with the State Community Arts Specialist and advisory committees in development and achievement of specific outcomes including a 'tool kit' for engaging communities and MU in community arts development; conferences, workshops, webinars, and summer art camps. Participate in interdisciplinary teams, committees and task forces. Collect qualitative and quantitative data to evaluate impact of programs and services. Generate and manage revenue to sustain and grow the community arts program.
2. Develop and maintain essential partnerships, including engaging in purposeful dialogue between and with community members, community organizations and local governments, Extension, and MU arts departments on campus. Market and promote educational offerings and the mission of MU Extension. Provide supervision or coordination of student activities/project opportunities within the community.
3. Remain up-to-date on trends and research-based knowledge. Actively participate in professional development opportunities. Ensure core competencies are demonstrated. Regular travel in and out of state using own transportation is required. Work some evenings and weekends to meet the needs of learners and constituents.

A full position description may be viewed at: [http://extension.missouri.edu/careers/positions\\_available.html](http://extension.missouri.edu/careers/positions_available.html).

**UNIVERSITY INFORMATION:** The University of Missouri, also known as Mizzou and MU, is the Flagship University of the four-campus University of Missouri system. It is the state's land-grant university and one of the most comprehensive universities in

the United States. The school's broad undergraduate programs and its graduate, professional and research programs attract annual enrollment of more than 33,000 students. MU is centrally located in Columbia, Mo., which is consistently ranked as one of America's most livable cities. MU Extension programs are located on all four campuses and in 114 Missouri counties.

**CITY INFORMATION:** St. Louis is an independent city and a major United States port in eastern Missouri. The city reaches the western banks of the Mississippi River, which forms Missouri's eastern border with Illinois. In 2013 the estimated population was 318,416 making it the 68<sup>th</sup> most populous U.S. city in 2013 and the second largest city in the state. The economy of St. Louis relies on service, manufacturing, trade, transportation of goods, and tourism. The city is home to several major corporations, including Express Scripts, Peabody Energy, Ameren, Ralcorp and Sigma-Aldrich. St. Louis is home to three professional sports teams: the St. Louis Cardinals, one of the most successful Major League Baseball clubs, the St. Louis Blues of the National Hockey League, and the St. Louis Rams of the National Football League. The city is commonly identified with the Gateway Arch, which is part of the Jefferson National Expansion Memorial in downtown St. Louis.

**SALARY/BENEFITS:** \$36,500-46,500 and additional compensation for doctorate degree (\$5,000) and/or achievement of NTT rank appointment of Associate Extension Professional (\$3,000) or Extension Professional (\$4,000)

This position is eligible for University benefits. The University offers a comprehensive benefits package, including medical, dental and vision plans, retirement, and educational fee discounts. For additional information on University benefits, please visit the Faculty & Staff Benefits website at <http://www.umsystem.edu/totalrewards/benefits>.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** This position requires an earned master's degree in community arts education, arts administration, community development, community economic development, hospitality or events management, community education, folklore studies and oral tradition, or related area with appropriate coursework exhibited. Related areas include arts, community arts, art education; community planning; regional or applied economics; rural or regional development; organizational development; public administration; applied or cultural anthropology; rural sociology; sociology; or community psychology. Demonstrated ability in applying and transferring research-based knowledge in the above subject matter areas.

Ideal candidate will also have successful experiences in project management, artistic and events production and management, organizational development and resource management, grant writing, and development or fundraising, designing, conducting and evaluating educational programs, communications and conflict resolution, working collaboratively with colleagues, and applying research-based knowledge in subject matter areas related to community arts initiatives, community cooperation and collaboration, capacity assessment and action planning, community planning, community economic development, citizen participation, leadership and volunteerism to community development. Experience and/or coursework in arts administration, arts education, arts and relating to working specifically with community arts.

***Successful candidate will also demonstrate the following:***

- Effective and innovative teaching strategies that engage others. Must be able to integrate new and emerging technology into teaching strategies.
- Effective listening, written and oral communication skills including public speaking and presentation abilities.
- Organizational skills, interpersonal skills, problem-solving abilities and collaborative leadership experiences.
- Flexibility, resiliency, and the ability to operate with minimal guidance.
- Positive outlook, high personal standard of excellence, and passion for the vision, mission and values of MU Extension.

**APPLICATION PROCEDURE:** Applicants must submit a cover letter, resume or CV, list of 3-5 references, and copies of all academic transcripts on-line at <http://hrs.missouri.edu/find-a-job/academic/index.php>. A CV must be submitted if interested in being considered for a non-tenure track (NTT) ranked appointment. Review of applications will begin after October 1.

For questions regarding the on-line application process, call 573.882.7976. For questions regarding this position call 573.882.4721 or email [hrdext@missouri.edu](mailto:hrdext@missouri.edu).

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