VACANCY NOTICE – STUDIO ART

POSITION: Assistant Professor/Lecturer of Studio Art; full-time, three-year position, with plans for a subsequent tenure-track search contingent upon funding and final approval.

APPOINTMENT DATE: August 12, 2013

QUALIFICATIONS:
Seeking a dedicated artist with enthusiasm for teaching undergraduates in a small, residential, liberal arts college that has been recognized nationally for its overall excellence. Required: MFA by June 30, 2013; area of concentration in Sculpture, with the ability to teach three-dimensional design and multiple levels of drawing. Some college teaching in Studio Art and ability to teach digital imaging or black and white film photography is desired. Preference will also be given to candidates demonstrating excellence in undergraduate teaching. A commitment to productive scholarship, growth as an artist, and potential for academic leadership in a liberal arts college are essential.

OUR CAMPUS:
The University of Minnesota, Morris is a residential public liberal arts college serving over 1900 students. As one of five campuses of the University of Minnesota, the Morris campus is located 160 miles west of Minneapolis in the rural community of Morris, MN. Morris is consistently ranked by U.S. News & World Report as a Top 10 Best Public Liberal Arts College. The Morris student body is talented, diverse, and engaged. The Morris student body is one of the most ethnically diverse in the University of Minnesota system with 20% students of color (13% are American Indian students) and a growing international student population.

The college values diversity in its students, faculty, and staff. The college is especially interested in qualified candidates who can contribute to the diversity of our community through their teaching, research, and/or service because we believe that diversity enriches the classroom and research experience at the University.

RESPONSIBILITIES:
1) Six courses per academic year.
2) Two semesters of beginning and advanced Sculpture taught concurrently. Candidates should be grounded in traditional processes and contemporary sculptural practices, including wood and metal fabrication, assemblage, wood or stone carving, mold making, metal and plaster casting, and installation. It is essential that the candidate has an extensive understanding of sculptural materials and studio equipment, including the proper maintenance and operation of a foundry, and has extensive knowledge of critical theory and contemporary issues in artistic practices.
3) Ability to teach three-dimensional design and all levels of drawing.
4) Option to teach a topics course in area of expertise and potential to teach digital imaging or black and white film photography.
5) A strong commitment to growth and development of the Studio Art Discipline, including co-curricular activities, is needed.
6) Supervision of the sculpture studio (including monitoring safety practices), participation in the review of sophomore and senior art students, academic advising, and other art discipline related duties as needed are an integral part of the position.

SALARY: Commensurate with qualifications and experience.
APPLICATION: Please fill out the on-line application form (only the application form; send by regular mail the rest of the application documents) at the University of Minnesota Online Employment System at https://employment.umn.edu. Then send letter of application, curriculum vitae, copies of graduate transcripts, three letters of recommendation written within the last three years, teaching philosophy, artist statement, 20 examples of recent work, and 20 optional examples of student work to:

Studio Art Search Committee  
Division of the Humanities  
University of Minnesota, Morris  
600 East 4th Street  
Morris, Minnesota 56267

Review of applications will begin on January 15, 2013; the position will remain open until filled.

The University of Minnesota shall provide equal access to and opportunity in its programs, facilities, and employment without regard to race, color, creed, religion, national origin, gender, age, marital status, disability, public assistance status, veteran status, sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression.

To request disability accommodation or material in alternative formats contact: UMM Human Resources, (320)-589-6024, Room 309, Behmler Hall, Morris, MN.