

POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT – Lecturer (open rank), Music Theory

University of Illinois Chicago

Full-time, beginning August 16, 2026

The School of Theatre and Music at the University of Illinois Chicago (UIC) invites applications for an open-rank, full-time lecturer (music theory) faculty position to begin August 2026.

Description: We seek a dynamic teacher with the facility to engage a broad set of music theory and learning practices to join our mission-driven faculty in the School of Theatre and Music. The successful candidate will teach core courses in the music theory sequence and mentor and advise students; and they will approach music theory in culturally responsive ways, place high value on aural ways of knowing and organizing music, and center creative musical activities (arranging, composing, and improvising) in their teaching. Full-time faculty are expected to serve on committees, assist in student advising, and participate in recruitment activities as assigned.

Minimum Qualifications: Master's degree in music; a record of, or clear potential for, professional development presentations at conferences, and demonstrated leadership potential in the field; demonstrated success in teaching music theory at the college/university levels (including graduate assistantships).

Preferred Qualifications: Doctoral degree in music theory; three or more years of experience teaching music at the college/university level; competence in and engagement with vernacular, popular, indigenous, and non-Western musical practices; and an understanding of and experience with teaching populations that reflect UIC's urban student body.

Application Deadline March 2, 2026: Submit a letter of application indicating qualifications for the position; a curriculum vitae; a two-page philosophy statement regarding music theory learning expectations, accommodations, and assessment; and contact information for three recommenders (including e-mail and phone numbers) to the UIC job board at jobs.uic.edu. Questions can be directed to Wing Lau at wingl@uic.edu.

Salary: The budgeted salary range for the position is \$66,500 to \$79,000 at the Lecturer level and \$79,000 to \$95,000 at the Senior Lecturer level for a 9-month service basis. The pay offered to the selected candidate will be determined based on factors including (but not limited to) the experience and qualifications of the selected candidate including equivalent years in rank, training, and field or discipline; internal equity; and external market pay for comparable jobs.

This position is intended to be [eligible for benefits](#). This includes Health, Dental, Vision, Life Insurance, a Retirement Plan, Paid time Off, and Tuition waivers for employees and dependents.

About the School of Theatre and Music and the University of Illinois Chicago: The School of Theatre and Music provides innovative, rigorous, and comprehensive academic and performance programs as part of its distinct, urban context. The Department of Music offers coursework leading to a BA in Music, BA in Music Business, BM in Jazz Studies, BM in Music Education, and a BM in Music Performance.

UIC is among the nation's preeminent urban public research universities, a Carnegie RU/VH research institution, and the largest university in Chicago. UIC serves over 34,000 students of many different backgrounds and is designated as a Minority Serving Institution (MSI), an Asian American and Native American Pacific Islander Serving Institution (AANAPSI) and a Hispanic Serving Institution (HSI). Through its 16 colleges, UIC offers nationally and internationally recognized multidisciplinary academic programs in concert with civic, corporate and community partners worldwide, including a full complement of health sciences colleges. By emphasizing cutting-edge and transformational research along with a commitment to the success of all students, UIC embodies the dynamic, vibrant, and engaged urban university. UIC has nearly 260,000 alumni and is one of the largest employers in the city of Chicago.

The University of Illinois System is an equal opportunity employer, including but not limited to disability and/or veteran status, and complies with all applicable state and federal employment mandates. Please visit [Required Employment Notices and Posters](#) to view our non-discrimination statement and find

additional information about required background checks, sexual harassment/misconduct disclosures, and employment eligibility review through E-Verify.

The university provides accommodations to applicants and employees. [Request an Accommodation](#)

Artificial Intelligence (AI) tools may be used in some portions of the candidate review process for this position, however, all employment decisions will be made by a person.