

Visiting Assistant Professor of Voice Stetson University School of Music

POSITION

Stetson University seeks an outstanding musician and educator as for a full-time, nine-month position as a Visiting Assistant Professor of Music in Voice. This is a full-time, non-tenure-track 9-month position beginning in August 2025, with potential for renewal.

QUALIFICATIONS

The successful candidate will bring a proven record of performance excellence and effective teaching experience to Stetson's undergraduate-only voice program. A broad knowledge of vocal repertoire is necessary, as is a passion for working with undergraduate students. We are especially interested in candidates who have a strong commitment to all aspects of diversity in our learning-centered community. Teaching expertise and experience in additional core music areas is desirable, as is demonstrated success at recruiting, retaining, and mentoring voice students from diverse backgrounds. A doctoral degree or ABD status is preferred; however, a master's degree and significant performing and teaching experience may be acceptable in lieu of a terminal degree.

RESPONSIBILITIES

Essential duties include teaching applied voice, mentoring undergraduate music students inside and outside of the studio, recruiting a diverse body of talented singers, and maintaining a weekly studio performance class. Teaching in additional core music areas (diction, literature, etc.) may be required, depending on the needs of the school and in alignment with the candidate's specific expertise. The candidate will also have the opportunity to contribute to "Hatter Ready," a student-centered immersive experience (equivalent to one course) as a part of the University's new experiential, contemporary, and integrative learning initiative. The candidate should be able to collaborate effectively with all faculty, working closely with an active voice area of six full-time voice faculty members, including voice instructors, opera director, and choral directors. The candidate should maintain a professional profile, advancing the mission of the university and supporting the Stetson University School of Music.

THE SCHOOL OF MUSIC

Stetson's School of Music (<http://www.stetson.edu/music>) is an exclusively undergraduate program known for its excellence, depth, and long-standing reputation for the quality of its education. The school offers BM, BME, and BA degrees, with majors in performance, music education, music theory, composition, and outside-field areas. A faculty of 46 serves approximately 225 music majors and minors. The school has its own dean and holds full membership in the National Association of Schools of Music. Recent graduates of the School of Music are found on the stages of the world's great opera houses (including the Metropolitan Opera, La Scala, and Covent Garden), they hold leadership positions in major symphony orchestras, they are faculty members of the most prestigious colleges and universities throughout the nation, and they gain admission to distinguished graduate programs across the United States and Europe. The School of Music is proud of the consistent placement of its BME graduates as teachers in K-12 school music education programs in Florida and throughout the nation. Read about our most recent success stories at <https://stetsonmusic.org>.

THE UNIVERSITY

Founded in 1883, Stetson University (<http://www.stetson.edu>) is a private, selective university comprised of a rich array of liberal arts and professional academic programs. Collectively, Stetson's faculty works with approximately 3,700 students in undergraduate, graduate, and professional programs. The University's historic main campus, located in DeLand, enrolls approximately 2,500 students in undergraduate programs in the College of Arts and Sciences, the School of Business Administration, and the School of Music. Stetson University College of Law, Florida's first law school, moved from the main campus to Gulfport in 1954, and, with the addition of the Tampa Law Center, serves approximately 1,000 students working full-time or part-time toward J.D. or LL.M. degrees. Graduate programs based at the

main campus in DeLand include Business, Accounting, Education, Counseling, and Creative Writing, with Educational Leadership cohorts also offered at the Gulfport campus. Florida's oldest private institution of higher learning, Stetson has regularly been ranked among the best regional universities in the Southeast and was the first private college in Florida to be granted a chapter of Phi Beta Kappa. Stetson University provides an inspiring education that engages students with rigorous academic and creative study grounded in liberal learning and promotes civic values of personal and social responsibility. Working closely with faculty and with one another, students cultivate abilities to explore issues deeply, think critically, reason empirically, speak persuasively, and connect ideas creatively. Firmly committed to inclusive excellence, our vibrant community of teacher-scholars nurtures the potential of individual students to lead lives of significance and prepares each to meet the challenges of shaping the future—locally, nationally, and globally.

THE COMMUNITY

DeLand is a picturesque residential community of 38,000 located 20 miles west of Daytona Beach and 35 miles northeast of Orlando. The area offers extensive cultural as well as recreational activities.

SALARY

Salary is competitive.

STARTING DATE

August 11, 2025

APPLICATION

Qualified candidates should submit the following items via email to voicesearch2025@stetson.edu:

- (1) a cover letter
- (2) a curriculum vitae
- (3) a list of 3 references
- (4) links to a recent singing performance video (recorded within the past two years), featuring two pieces with a total duration of under ten minutes.

In the cover letter, candidates should address the stated qualifications and responsibilities and are encouraged to highlight skills and experiences that demonstrate a commitment to social justice, diversity, and inclusion, and to leadership in the education of undergraduate students of highly diverse backgrounds. Additional materials (including voice teaching videos) may be requested at a later stage. Initial screening of materials will begin immediately, and will continue until the position is filled, with an anticipated conclusion to the search in mid-April. Please direct inquiries and nominations to Dr. Karen Coker Merritt, Search Committee Chair, at kcmerritt@stetson.edu.

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER

Stetson University is an Equal Opportunity Employer that affirms cultural diversity and inclusion as a core value of academic excellence at Stetson University. We are committed to achieving equal access in education, employment, and participation through the recruitment and retention of outstanding faculty, staff, and students from diverse backgrounds, and to meaningful academic and intellectual transformation in curriculum, research, and service. We are dedicated to actions and policies that foster a community in which individuals with various identities, cultures, backgrounds, and viewpoints work together to create opportunities for engagement through rewarding and fulfilling careers and personal experiences in a culturally and racially diverse society and a globalized world. We strongly encourage members of historically under-represented and economically disadvantaged groups and women to apply for employment. Stetson University is an EEO, ADA, ADEA, and GINA employer.