DEPARTMENT OF ART
Museum & Gallery Director

QUALIFICATIONS: M.A. in Art History with significant museum/gallery experience required; Ph.D. in Art History preferred. The ideal candidate will possess demonstrated ability to provide leadership in all aspects of the galleries’ and museum’s administration and curatorial activities, including strong writing, researching, and public speaking skills. Otterbein is seeking candidates committed to working with diverse audiences in an integrative, liberal arts setting.


RESPONSIBILITIES: Plan and curate all exhibits for the Miller Gallery, Fisher Gallery, and Frank Museum of Art. Develop programming, create publications, and oversee the installation for each exhibit. Manage the gallery and museum budgets, oversee facilities, and direct fundraising and public relations activities. Supervise a part-time gallery assistant and student interns/staff. Maintain and develop the university art collection, including working with donors, purchasing new acquisitions, and developing conservation and preservation strategies. Additionally, the director teaches two courses during the academic year in Art History, Museum Studies, or Integrative Studies, the university’s undergraduate core curriculum.

DEPARTMENT: The Department of Art, composed of eight full-time and six part-time faculty, offers a major in Art with concentrations in Art Education, Ceramics, Communication Design, Drawing, Integrated Digital Media, Painting, Photography, Printmaking, and Sculpture. Minors in Arts Administration, Art History and Studio Art are also offered. The mission of the department is to offer studio and art history programs linked to the University’s liberal arts foundation, preparing graduates for a variety of professional options. Additionally, the department is committed to offering visual arts courses that complement the liberal education of all students at Otterbein.

At Otterbein, art students create in an environment of inquiry. Faculty seeks to introduce students to an understanding of the artistic process and encourage them to commit themselves to the creation of meaningful works of art. Courses in art history provide an understanding of the historical and theoretical framework of the visual arts. Art students typically spend one-third to one-half of their time in art courses and are encouraged to link these studies to the diverse course experiences that a strong liberal arts curriculum offers. Opportunities to participate in study-abroad programs, internships, and trips to museums broaden experience and enhance visual awareness while opening possibilities for personal expression.

THE UNIVERSITY: Otterbein University is a private, co-educational, comprehensive liberal arts institution founded in 1847 and affiliated with the United Methodist Church. Otterbein enrolls
approximately 3,000 students, including full and part-time undergraduates, adult learners, and students enrolled in The Graduate School. Otterbein offers more than 70 majors, as well as individualized fields of study. Master’s degree programs are offered in allied health, business administration, education, educational mathematics and nursing, including courses in its newly-accredited nurse anesthesia program in conjunction with Grant Medical Center. Otterbein’s first doctorate program, doctor of nursing practice (DNP), began classes in spring 2011. Accredited since 1913 by the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools, Otterbein has consistently placed high among peer institutions in U.S. News & World Report’s “Guide to America’s Best Colleges” for over a decade. Otterbein is ranked 17th among 147 schools in its category in the 2014 guide. Otterbein has also been recognized by Washington Monthly as a top school for contributions to the public good and by the President’s Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll for its commitment to community service and service-learning.

WHERE: Otterbein University is located in Westerville, Ohio, a suburb of Columbus that has been ranked the fifth friendliest town in America by Forbes and Nextdoor.com in 2012 and 15th on Money Magazine’s 2009 list of Best Places to Live. Westerville has a population of approximately 36,000 people and combines the beauty and convenience of a medium-sized community with the cultural, educational, and economic benefits of Columbus, the state capital; a thriving and diverse metropolitan area of 1.4 million people. Central Ohio is the fastest growing area in the state with stability provided by a diversified economy.

APPLICATION: Send cover letter, curriculum vitae, writing sample, and three letters of reference to: Dr. Paul Eisenstein, Dean, School of Arts and Sciences, Otterbein University, 1 South Grove Street, Westerville, OH USA 43081. Email submissions: academicjobs@otterbein.edu. For full consideration, applications should be received by November 15, 2013, although applications will be reviewed until the position is filled. Interviews will be held at College Art Association Annual Meeting in Chicago, February 2014. To learn more about the School of Arts and Sciences, please visit us at www.otterbein.edu/artsandsciences. Otterbein University is an EEO Employer.