

Assistant Professor of Criminal Justice,
Department of Criminal Justice
Position Number: 60503599

Description:

The Department of Criminal Justice at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga invites applications for a tenure-track Assistant Professor of Criminal Justice, with an expected start date of August 1, 2027. This is a new tenure-track position awarded by the university in response to continued growth in the department. The 9-month salary for this position is budgeted for \$64,000. The contracted teaching load for tenure-track faculty is a 3/3 per academic year.

The Department of Criminal Justice, housed within the College of Arts and Sciences, offers a B.S. in Criminal Justice (including an online B.S. program), and maintains a growing graduate program (M.S.) in Criminal Justice. The department has 12 tenured, tenure-track, and lecturer faculty and we serve 400 majors between our undergraduate and graduate programs. The department maintains strong relationships with its community partners, allowing for numerous teaching, research, and service opportunities. The department also operates the Violence Reduction Initiative (VRI), a research center focused on enhancing community safety through externally funded partnerships with criminal justice agencies and service providers.

Specialization:

We seek candidates with a specialization in policing, with preference given to those with knowledge of spatial analysis (e.g., crime mapping).

Qualifications:

Successful candidates will possess the following requirements:

- Ph.D. in Criminal Justice, Criminology, or closely related field. Individuals who are “all but dissertation” (ABD) are also eligible for hire but must have completed the doctorate within 1 year of their start date.
- Ability to teach introductory, advanced, and graduate courses in Criminal Justice and/or Criminology.
- Teaching experience and/or willingness to teach required courses in the Criminal Justice undergraduate curriculum (e.g., Policing, Criminology, Research Methods, etc.). Previous experience in online teaching is desirable.
- Have a clear research agenda with an established record of, or demonstrated potential for, peer-reviewed scholarship.
- Commitment to graduate and undergraduate student mentorship, as well as willingness to engage in meaningful service activities.

- Candidates should also be willing to engage in a variety of instructional modalities (i.e., face-to-face, online, and hybrid).
- Willingness to engage in assisting the UTC campus in its ability to reach additional goals as specified in UTC's Strategic Plan, including a commitment to establishing community-based partnerships.

Application Procedures:

Applicants should prepare to submit the following information within our online application system for consideration:

- Cover letter/letter of interest, including evidence of teaching experience, scholarship, service, and internal/external funding
- CV, including up-to-date, personal contact information (email, phone, etc.)
- Unofficial transcripts
- Evidence of teaching effectiveness, including teaching philosophy and sample syllabi
- Research statement/agenda
- Names, titles, and contact information for three (3) references.

Review of applicants will begin on 10/15/2026 and continue until the position is filled. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

For questions on this posting, please contact the search chair, Dr. Ahmet Kule, at ahmet-kule@utc.edu.

Applications **must** be submitted electronically through the UTC Faculty Career Site by visiting:

<https://apply.interfolio.com/192837>

The University of Tennessee at Chattanooga is the second largest school in the University of Tennessee System, serving a diverse student body of approximately 12,000 undergraduate and graduate students through five academic colleges. UTC offers a unique blend of private and public-school traditions and is a driving force for achieving excellence, embracing diversity, inspiring positive change, and enriching the community. Since its founding as Chattanooga University in 1886, UTC has developed a reputation for excellence built on an unusual blend of the private and public traditions of American higher education. For more than 83 years, the university was a private school. In 1969, UTC became part of the state university system. Today, UTC is on a journey to excellence - boldly embracing a passion for excellence in all things and focused on changing lives and transforming communities. The UTC commitment—each and every day—is to earn the trust and confidence of those we serve. Our goal is to make a difference in our community and in the lives of our students.

The University of Tennessee at Chattanooga proudly calls Chattanooga home—a city lauded by *U.S. News and World Report*, *Money Magazine*, and *Southern Living* (to name a few!) for its unique blend of historic charm and modern vibrancy.

Nestled between scenic Lookout Mountain and the Tennessee River, Chattanooga offers breathtaking natural beauty, lively city amenities and a small-town feel.

Our city has it all, with historic cultural institutions like the Chattanooga Symphony Orchestra and the Bessie Smith Cultural Center, iconic attractions like Rock City and Ruby Falls, opportunities for epic outdoor adventures, and an eclectic contemporary art, music, and food scene.

Chattanooga's robust economy fosters an environment where tech start-ups thrive alongside established industries and corporations. It's where innovation meets tradition, creating endless opportunities for growth and success.

UTC embodies Chattanooga's dynamic spirit, serving as one of the city's most vital institutions where progressive transformation and community thrive. UTC is where Chattanooga goes to build the future.