The University of Georgia Department of Theatre and Film Studies seeks a technical director to be appointed as an academic professional. The successful candidate will have strong interpersonal, communication and organizational skills, the ability to work effectively with students, faculty, staff and guest artists, and a commitment to enhancing equity, diversity and inclusion in technical theatre. For more information about the academic professional rank, please see the UGA Guidelines for the Appointment and Promotion of Academic Professionals (https://provost.uga.edu/_resources/documents/Faculty_Affairs/faculty_hiring_and_appointments/guidelinesapptpromotionacademicprofessionals.pdf).

Responsibilities:

- Manage the scenic, electrics and prop shops.
- Implement and support safety protocols and best practices.
- Supervise shop staff, undergraduate and graduate student workers.
- Maintain budgets for shows, shop supplies, and labor.
- Teach one course per semester in technical theatre at either the undergraduate, graduate, or split level (including Vectorworks 2D and 3D and Stagecraft).
- Participate in department and production committees as required.
- Create production calendar and scheduling and run production meetings.
- Purchase materials, schedule workers, maintain the scene shop and its equipment.
- Supervise occasional weekend work calls including hang/focus, load-in, and strike.
- Mentor MFA design students through realized design projects.

Qualifications:

- MFA or equivalent terminal degree in Technical Direction or related area.
- Expertise in 2D and 3D CAD, rigging, and welding (MIG and TIG).
- Ability to use CNC router preferred.

The University of Georgia is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action employer. All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, ethnicity, age, genetic information, disability, gender identity, sexual orientation, or protected veteran status. Persons needing accommodations or assistance with the accessibility of materials related to this search are encouraged to contact Central HR (hrweb@uga.edu). Please do not contact the department or search committee with such requests.

The Department of Theatre and Film Studies (https://www.drama.uga.edu) is a unit of the Franklin College of Arts and Sciences. It offers B.A. degrees in theatre and in film studies, MFA degrees in performance, design/technology and dramatic media, and the Ph.D. in theatre and performance studies. The department encompasses the applied and scholarly study of drama in a wide range of media, including stage, film and 3D computer animation.

The Franklin College of Arts and Sciences, its many units, and the University of Georgia are committed to increasing the diversity of its faculty and students, and sustaining a work and
learning environment that is inclusive. Women, minorities, people from historically excluded groups, and people with disabilities are encouraged to apply.

The University of Georgia (https://www.uga.edu/), a land-grant and sea-grant university with statewide commitments and responsibilities, is the state’s oldest, most comprehensive, and most diversified institution of higher education. UGA is currently ranked among the top 20 public universities in U.S. News & World Report. The University’s main campus is located in Athens, approximately 65 miles northeast of Atlanta, with extended campuses in Atlanta, Griffin, Gwinnett, and Tifton. UGA was founded in 1785 by the Georgia General Assembly as the first state-chartered University in the country. UGA employs approximately 1,800 full-time instructional faculty and more than 7,600 full-time staff. The University’s enrollment exceeds 36,000 students including over 27,500 undergraduates and over 8,500 graduate and professional students. Academic programs reside in 17 schools and colleges, as well as a medical partnership with Augusta University housed on the UGA Health Sciences Campus in Athens.

Applications received by February 5, 2022 will receive full consideration, and the screening process will continue until the position is filled. Apply online at https://www.ugajobsearch.com/postings/237851. Applicants should upload a cover letter, C.V., and diversity statement (upload as document #1). Applicants will also be asked to provide names and e-mail addresses of three references; recommendations will be requested later in the search process. Inquiries may be directed to Julie Ray, Search Committee Chair, fteague@uga.edu.