**Department:** Art  
**Program Name:** BFA Fine Arts  
**Program Level:** Graduate  
**College:** Arts and Sciences  
**Approval Date:** September 22, 2016

According to the Higher Learning Commission, “Faculty teaching in graduate programs should hold the terminal degree determined by the discipline and have a record of research, scholarship or achievement appropriate for the graduate program.” Several qualifications are considered assets for hire either as an instructional/academic staff or tenure-track faculty member in the BFA program(s) at the University of Wisconsin-River Falls.

Candidates for graduate faculty status have earned a terminal degree (i.e. earned credential), that is an MFA or PhD or EDD in Art or Art History or Design or Education.

In addition, they have a record of research, scholarship, and achievement that includes:

Graduate faculty should have a record of at least two items from any category from the following list within a span of three years, including:

- National or international exhibition record (invited, curated, etc.) or
- Publications (peer reviewed, printed, blog post, electronic, etc.) or
- Commissioned projects (artwork, design, public, etc.) or
- Professional organization leadership role (president, board of directors, etc.) or
- Research. Scholarly, or creative activities not defined above (donated time or work, personal research, development of specialized skill sets, etc.)