

**WESTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY  
EDUCATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS  
WKYU-PBS**

**CHIEF BROADCAST ENGINEER**

Western Kentucky University, Public Television Station, WKYU-PBS is seeking applicants for a **Chief Broadcast Engineer**. The position provides the strategic vision for continuation of moving WKYU-PBS into digital media production and distribution platforms and infrastructure. The position manages and provides leadership for the Engineering Department in a team environment, at the university-owned, public television station and serves as a member of the Senior Management Team of the Department of Educational Telecommunications at Western Kentucky University. This position reports to the Director of Educational Telecommunications.

WKYU-PBS, licensed to Western Kentucky University, reaches an audience of more than 250,000 people in a 17 county area. Western Kentucky University is located in Bowling Green/Warren County, about 60 miles north of Nashville. It is an attractive, small city of approximately 50,000 people. It is noted as a regional center for health care, commerce, and cultural life in South-Central Kentucky. The cost of housing, food and other life necessities is substantially lower than many other U.S. cities. Western Kentucky University's beautiful and growing campus has approximately 19,000 students with campus renovation and new construction projects currently underway totaling roughly \$265 million.

Western Kentucky University offers a comprehensive array of benefits to, include excellent retirement program, cost effective health care services, a liberal leave and vacation policy, a generous paid holiday schedule, life and disability protection, and a full and partial tuition waiver program for employees, spouses and children.

**Responsibilities:**

**The following duties are customary for this position, but are not to be construed as all-inclusive. Duties may be added, deleted and assigned based on management discretion and institutional needs.**

- Supervises a staff of three full-time engineers.
- Represents the Engineering Department on the Senior Staff Management Team of Educational Telecommunications at WKU.
- Responsible for design, installation, and maintenance of technical facilities of WKYU-PBS which include, digital transmitter plant, master control and studio infrastructure, 2 production studios, multiple non-linear Avid edit suites, field production gear, satellite uplink truck, remote production truck, and the campus CATV system. The master control and station infrastructure is in final stages conversion to a digital tapeless facility. Near-term plans include implementation of the PBS Next Generation Interconnect System (NGIS); we have acquired HD field production and editing capability, with the long-term goal of HD production in studio and live remote venues.
- Provides operational support for live and recorded productions.
- Provides input and support for planning in the areas of facility design, grant writing, budgeting, and strategic planning including migration to additional non-broadcast services.
- Ensures FCC compliance for WKYU-PBS and serves as chief operator for the station.
- Other responsibilities as deemed necessary.

**Required Qualifications:**

- Bachelor's Degree in Electronics or related field, plus six years of television broadcast engineering experience, or a minimum of 10 years experience as a television broadcast engineer.
- Thorough understanding of FCC rules & regulations and a commitment to compliance.
- Knowledge of and experience in RF, cameras, studio and master control systems, non-linear edit systems, satellite transmission and reception, IT based master control systems, and multicasting.
- Experience in facility design, equipment procurement, and construction.
- Demonstrates ability to effectively manage projects and priorities in a shifting and fast-paced environment.
- Demonstrates strong communication skills and the ability to interact positively with others in a team environment, fostering a spirit of cooperation and mission.
- Ability to interact with students in a positive and nurturing manner
- Willingness and ability to be on call and to occasionally work weekends, evenings and holidays
- Excellent written and oral communication skills
- Must possess a valid driver's license
- Ability to lift and carry 50 pounds

**Desired/Preferred Qualifications:**

- Supervisory Experience
- SBE certification
- Experience in the public television station environment
- Excellent team participation and personal leadership skills
- Proven ability to work within a limited budget and to help an organization grow
- Ability to work well with a diverse team of people with varying degrees of technical knowledge
- Detail-oriented and self-motivated individual

For more information about the department, please log on to our web page: [www.wkyupbs.org](http://www.wkyupbs.org).

**Salary Grade:** 110 **Expected Salary Range:** \$57,600.00 - \$66,000.00 annually

Applications for employment will be **accepted electronically only**. Interested candidates must submit a current resume and a letter of application cover letter describing qualifications and experience using the online application process. The online application process requires name, address and daytime phone number of three (3) professional references. Please refer to the following website to apply: <http://asaweb.wku.edu/wkujobs>. Please reference requisition number **S2304**. To ensure full consideration **submit application materials by June 22, 2009**. Position will remain open until filled.

**All qualified individuals are encouraged to apply including women, minorities, persons with disabilities and disabled veterans.**

**Western Kentucky University is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer.**