



**Position/Title:** Upper School History Teacher  
**Appointment:** School Year 2019/2020  
**Reports To:** Director of the Upper School

Laurel School seeks talented faculty who will put our students first and strive to make a difference in their lives. We seek to attract culturally and academically diverse faculty who thrive on being engaged participants in our community. The most successful candidates see opportunities before problems, can laugh at themselves and succeed in a fast paced, forward-thinking educational environment. We are particularly interested in attracting teachers who have lived internationally, who have experience in residential settings, who view themselves as entrepreneurial, flexible, curious and creative. Laurel lives the mission: to inspire each girl to fulfill her promise and to better the world. We continually challenge our community to dream, dare, and do.

**Position Summary:**

We are seeking a dynamic and passionate individual, one who cares deeply about the importance of research, reading and writing and who is interested in exploring the ways in which we can teach girls to be courageous, ethical and empathetic through historical study. The candidate must be able to use a variety of assessment strategies; teach World History and electives, and incorporate our Facing History and Ourselves program into course planning. We seek teachers interested in working collaboratively with other Laurel teachers, enthusiastic about the opportunity to design curriculum—including lessons that take advantage of our 140-acre Butler campus as an outdoor classroom—and adept at differentiating instruction. Flexibility, a sense of humor and a deep desire to be an educator outside of the classroom—working with students in many capacities—are invaluable qualities at Laurel School.

**Duties and responsibilities include:**

- Preparation and implementation of daily lessons
- Delivery of assignments and timely evaluation of all relevant class work and student progress
- Design and implementation of appropriate, authentic assessments and support of individual student learning styles
- Timely and proactive communication with parents about student progress
- Serving as an Advisor to small group of students
- Collaboration with other members of the faculty, administration and staff on experiential, interdisciplinary and community-based opportunities that add to the school community
- Active participation in all faculty and staff meetings
- Effective and timely communication with varied school constituencies in person, through email and through voice mail
- Support of divisional and school-wide initiatives through committee work, where appropriate
- Supervision and/or participation in non-academic activities, including chaperoning trips/dances and proctoring study hall

**Required Qualifications:**

The successful candidate must have a Bachelor's or Master's degree and a minimum of five years teaching experience at the high school level is preferred. The successful candidate will also possess a positive attitude, excellent written and verbal skills, strong organizational skills, and proven success within a work setting that requires collaboration, cooperation, and collegiality. The candidate must possess or acquire and maintain a State of Ohio issued teaching certificate. Ability to lead one or more co-curricular activities, or to coach a sport, is desirable. The school welcomes the opportunity to continue to find ways to diversify our faculty.

**Salary:**

Laurel offers competitive compensation and a comprehensive benefits package.

**To Apply:**

Please see [www.laurelschool.org](http://www.laurelschool.org) for further information and a job application.

**Work Environment:**

Laurel School is a dynamic, forward-thinking, K-12 girls' school with a co-ed pre-primary division, where every child is well known. As a Facing History and Ourselves School, Laurel is fully committed to equity and inclusion; we actively seek a culturally diverse faculty and staff.

*Laurel teachers are committed to:*

- the study of research on girls' education
- integrating this knowledge into classroom practice
- working with each girl to fulfill her promise
- flexibility and openness to new ideas
- the academic and social development of girls
- involving parents as partners in the educational process
- the creation of a classroom community
- the integration of community-based learning projects at the classroom level and as a part of the whole school community
- equity and inclusion
- multicultural education
- outdoor education and sustainability

Laurel enjoys an outstanding local and national reputation and is home to the Laurel Center for Research on Girls. In a highly competitive school landscape, Laurel is fortunate to be a school of choice in Cleveland. Our emphasis on the whole child and our legacy of excellence in the teaching of girls set us apart. Located in Shaker Heights, OH (15 minutes from downtown Cleveland) with an additional rural campus 17 minutes away, the school has an urban/rural advantage. The work environment is noted for being family-friendly and flexible. The feeling in the school is joyous, collaborative and innovative. Our curricular philosophy emphasizes community-based, interdisciplinary and experiential learning. Collaboration and reflective practice are key to pedagogy at Laurel. The school is fully committed to a culturally diverse faculty and student body.

*Laurel School is dedicated to providing equal employment opportunities to all personnel and applicants for employment without regard to race; color; religion; sex; national origin; handicap or disability; sexual orientation; or status as a veteran, Vietnam era, or special disabled veteran.*