Faculty Search: Assistant Professor - Indigenous Literatures (Job#20681)

The Department of English in the Faculty of Arts & Science at the University of Toronto invites applications for a full-time tenure stream position in the field of Indigenous Literatures. The appointment will be at the rank of Assistant Professor, with an expected start date of July 1, 2022.

By the time of appointment, or shortly thereafter, applicants must have earned a PhD in English or a comparable discipline, with a specialization in Indigenous Literatures. Candidates must have a demonstrated record of excellence in both teaching and research. Preference will be given to candidates who self-identify as Indigenous. Recognizing that there are a variety of terms that potential candidates may use to self-identify, the University uses the term “Indigenous” in this search, which forms part of the U of T Response to Canada’s Truth and Reconciliation Commission, to encompass the people of Turtle Island, including those who identify as First Nations, Métis, Inuk (Inuit), Alaska Native, Native American, and Native Hawaiian people.

The Department of English offers the opportunity to teach and to pursue research at the highest level. We seek candidates whose research and teaching interests complement and enhance our existing strengths in the Department of English. The successful candidate will be expected to pursue innovative and independent research at the highest international level and to establish an outstanding, competitive, and externally funded research program.

Candidates must provide evidence of research excellence which can be demonstrated by a record of publications in top-ranked and field-relevant journals, the submitted research statement, presentations at significant conferences, awards and accolades, and strong endorsements from referees of high standing.

Evidence of excellence in teaching will be demonstrated by a teaching dossier including a strong statement of teaching philosophy, sample course materials, excellent teaching evaluations, and evidence of support for Indigenous students. As outlined below, a teaching dossier which includes these materials must be submitted as part of the application. Long-term experience and engagement with Indigenous communities, organizations, and institutions and evidence of understanding the importance of consensus-building relationships would be an asset.

Candidates are also expected to show evidence of a commitment to equity, diversity, inclusion, and the promotion of a respectful and collegial learning and working environment demonstrated through the application materials.

Salary will be commensurate with qualifications and experience.

For more information about the Department of English, please visit www.english.utoronto.ca.

All qualified applicants are invited to apply by clicking on the link below. Applications must include a cover letter, curriculum vitae, a teaching dossier (including a statement of teaching philosophy, sample course materials, and teaching evaluations, and evidence of support for Indigenous students), a research statement outlining current and future research interests, and a substantial writing sample (e.g. article or book chapter). Equity and diversity are essential to academic excellence. We seek candidates who value diversity and whose research, teaching and service bear out our commitment to equity. Candidates are therefore also asked to submit a 1-2 page statement of
contributions to equity and diversity, which might cover such topics as (but not limited to): research or teaching that incorporates a focus on underrepresented communities, the development of inclusive pedagogies, or the mentoring of students from underrepresented groups.

Applicants must provide the name and contact information of three references. The University of Toronto’s recruiting tool will automatically solicit and collect letters of reference from each after an application is submitted (this happens overnight). Applicants remain responsible for ensuring that references submit letters (on letterhead, dated and signed) by the closing date.

Submission guidelines can be found at: http://uoft.me/how-to-apply. Your CV and cover letter should be uploaded into the dedicated fields. Please combine additional application materials into one or two files in PDF/MS Word format. If you have questions about this position, please contact Tom Keymer, Interim Chair of the Department of English, at thomas.keymer@utoronto.ca.

All application materials, including reference letters, must be received by the closing date of April 4, 2022.

APPLY ONLINE HERE

All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply; however, Canadians and permanent residents will be given priority.

Diversity Statement
The University of Toronto is strongly committed to diversity within its community and especially welcomes applications from racialized persons / persons of colour, women, Indigenous / Aboriginal People of North America, persons with disabilities, LGBTQ2S+ persons, and others who may contribute to the further diversification of ideas.

As part of your application, you will be asked to complete a brief Diversity Survey. This survey is voluntary. Any information directly related to you is confidential and cannot be accessed by search committees or human resources staff. Results will be aggregated for institutional planning purposes. For more information, please see http://uoft.me/UP.

Accessibility Statement
The University strives to be an equitable and inclusive community, and proactively seeks to increase diversity among its community members. Our values regarding equity and diversity are linked with our unwavering commitment to excellence in the pursuit of our academic mission.

The University is committed to the principles of the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA). As such, we strive to make our recruitment, assessment and selection processes as accessible as possible and provide accommodations as required for applicants with disabilities.

If you require any accommodations at any point during the application and hiring process, please contact uoft.careers@utoronto.ca.