Assistant Professor - Indigenous Literatures and Cultures (Tenure-Track)

**Department of English - Faculty of Humanities**

**RTR 250-050**

The Department of English invites applications for a tenure-track appointment as Assistant Professor in Indigenous Literatures and Cultures with a strong focus on Indigenous literary practices and literary studies and on Indigenous pedagogies and ways of knowing as well as with an interest in collaborative engagement with Indigenous communities. Given its location, the Department’s greatest need exists in the area of North American Indigenous literary practices and studies. In accordance with the University’s Equity Plan and pursuant to section 42 of the BC Human Rights Code, the selection will be limited to Indigenous peoples. Candidates in this group are asked to self-identify.

The University of Victoria, one of Canada’s leading comprehensive institutions with a reputation for excellence in research and teaching, is located on the traditional territories of the Songhees, Esquimalt, and WSÁNEĆ peoples, whose historical relationships with the land continue to this day. The University is known for its diverse Indigenous faculty and staff from both local communities and around the world. In January 2017 the University adopted an Indigenous Plan in response to current Indigenous student enrolment and programming, the goals, aspirations and concerns of Indigenous students and faculty, and the wishes and needs of Indigenous community members. The Department of English shares the University’s commitment to supporting Indigenous faculty, staff, and students, and to enhancing its Indigenous focus.

The successful applicant will join an exciting, collegial department with an excellent record in teaching and research in both traditional and emerging areas. The Department is strongly committed to excellence and equity as well as to increasing the diversity of approaches and perspectives in research and teaching. Tenure-track and tenured faculty have a 2/2 teaching allocation. All tenure-track and tenured faculty are expected to contribute to undergraduate and graduate teaching, to maintain an active agenda of research, and to participate in university, professional, and community service.

The appointment will be effective 1 July 2018.

**Requirements**

The Department is seeking a colleague who can contribute to teaching and research in Indigenous Literatures and Cultures with a strong focus on Indigenous literary practices and literary studies (in North America or elsewhere) and on Indigenous pedagogies and ways of knowing, as well as with an interest in collaborative engagement with Indigenous communities. The successful candidate will have
• a Ph.D. (by date of appointment) in an area of Indigenous Literatures and Cultures and Indigenous Literary Studies (in North America or elsewhere);
• a demonstrated capacity for scholarship using Indigenous methodologies in the study and the teaching of Indigenous Literatures (in North America or elsewhere);
• evidence of excellent teaching or excellent teaching potential with a commitment to Indigenous and non-Indigenous pedagogies in diverse contexts;
• a demonstrated capacity to draw on experiential knowledge in research and teaching;
• a capacity to supervise and mentor students;
• a commitment to participating in program development and curricular innovations, as well as to advocating in these domains;
• an interest in undertaking ethical engagement and collaboration with Indigenous communities, organizations, and/or institutions.

Related Links

Department of English
Faculty of Humanities
Indigenous Plan
Indigenous Focus
Support for Indigenous Students and Communities
Interdisciplinary Minor in Indigenous Studies

Additional information

Faculty and Librarians at the University of Victoria are governed by the provisions of the Collective Agreement. Members are represented by the University of Victoria Faculty Association.

Contact information

Qualified applicants may apply by sending a cover letter accompanied by a complete curriculum vitae (and, if relevant, all university transcripts); a writing sample (or a copy of a relevant publication) along with brief statement of current research interests; and a teaching dossier (with a statement on teaching philosophy
and, if available, teaching evaluations). Qualified applicants should arrange to have confidential letters sent from three referees.

Please send applications (electronic only, in pdf or Word) to the Chair of English (Dr. Michael Nowlin) at englchr@uvic.ca.

**Application deadline**

**October 31, 2017**

**Equity statement**

The University of Victoria is an equity employer and encourages applications from women, persons with disabilities, members of visible minorities, Aboriginal Peoples, people of all sexual orientations and genders, and others who may contribute to the further diversification of the University. All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply; however, in accordance with Canadian Immigration requirements, Canadians and permanent residents will be given priority.

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Persons with disabilities who anticipate needing accommodations for any part of the application and hiring process may contact Grace Wong Sneddon, Adviser to the Provost on Equity and Diversity at (250) 721-6143. Any personal information provided will be maintained in confidence.