Renison University College, affiliated with the University of Waterloo, acknowledges that we live and work on the traditional territory of the Neutral, Anishinaabeg and Haudenosaunee peoples. Renison is situated on the Haldimand Tract, the land promised to the Six Nations that includes ten kilometres on either side of the Grand River. Renison invites applications for the position of Sessional Lecturer, Studies in Islamic and Arab Cultures, in the Department of Culture and Language Studies. The successful candidate will teach Arabic language courses. This is a temporary, non-tenured appointment for the winter 2023 semester, beginning January 2023.

Respected as an inclusive community that values the diversity of its faculty, staff, and students, Renison is committed to engaged education for the well-being of the world, offering degree programs reflecting social engagement through the School of Social Work, and the Social Development Studies Department; global engagement through our Culture and Language Studies Department and community engagement in our non-degree programs, including the English Language Institute, through the Centre for Continuing and Professional Education. More information about the College is available on the Renison website.

Applicant Profile:

Qualifications:
The successful candidate will have a graduate degree, a demonstrable record of teaching experience, and native or near-native Arabic language fluency. Knowledge of the university learning management systems is considered an advantage.

Experience:
Experience working as an instructor for university-level Arabic language classes is desirable. Candidates must be able to create a supportive learning environment for students and be able to work collegially with fellow instructors. Strong computer skills are essential as are excellent communication skills in Arabic and English.

Work Expectations:
Responsibilities include teaching Arabic language courses for credit, developing (in collaboration with the Coordinator of Studies in Islamic and Arab Cultures) a course outline, holding office hours, attending unit meetings, providing feedback, evaluating student work, and submitting final grades through the university’s online grade submission software.

Renison University College respects, appreciates, and actively encourages diversity. As part of Renison’s commitment to equity within the College, we welcome and encourage applications from all qualified individuals with diverse experiences based on race, ethnic origin, religion, age, colour, gender identity and expression, sexual orientation, ability or disability, including women, 2S, LGBTQ+, Indigenous Peoples, and other visible minorities. While all qualified candidates are encouraged to apply, Canadian citizens and permanent residents will be given priority. Renison is committed to accessibility for persons with disabilities. Accommodations are available upon request for candidates participating in all parts of the hiring process. Please contact a member of Renison’s Human Resources department with accommodation requests.
Applications will be treated confidentially. Application materials should be addressed to Julia Williams, Chair of Culture and Language Studies and submitted online as PDF files through Interfolio at 

Please include a complete curriculum vitae, and a letter of application including a brief outline of your teaching experience. Please provide the names of three potential referees, who will be contacted if your application moves forward; referees will not be contacted without your permission. The successful candidate will also be asked for consent to have an educational and a criminal records verification completed. The criminal records verification provides an indication of the existence of adult criminal convictions, for which a record suspension has not been granted, within the RCMP National Repository of Criminal Records.

Review of applications will begin on October 7, 2022 and continue until the position is filled.

Further enquiries can be directed to Julia Williams, Chair of Culture and Language Studies.