Faculty of Humanities, Department of Pacific and Asian Studies
University of Victoria

Assistant Teaching Professor in Japanese Language

The Department of Pacific and Asian Studies in the Faculty of Humanities at the University of Victoria is seeking applications for a continuing faculty position at the Assistant Teaching Professor level, with an expected starting date of July 1, 2019. The initial appointment is for four years, with eligibility for a continuing appointment in accordance with the Collective Agreement between the University of Victoria and the University of Victoria Faculty Association.

We are seeking candidates with a record of excellence in teaching Japanese language at all levels – from beginner to advanced – in a college or university setting, and a commitment to supporting and developing our Japanese language program into the future. Applicants should have a demonstrated interest in pedagogical enquiry and teaching innovation, as well as in other teaching-related activities (e.g., pedagogical research, publication, conference participation, outreach). In addition to innovative teaching in Japanese, we are looking for someone who can speak to broader themes and issues in language and pedagogy pertinent across the Asia Pacific region and beyond. The position requires administrative, organizational, mentoring and leadership skills. Candidates must be able to work both independently and collaboratively with other instructors; they will also be expected to participate actively in departmental activities.

Successful candidates must have native-level fluency in Japanese and English, and should hold at least an MA in a discipline related to Japanese Studies, including but not limited to Japanese Linguistics, Language Pedagogy, Modern or Premodern Japanese Literature and Culture; a PhD is preferred. Familiarity with new technologies in teaching and methods of assessment is desirable; the ability to teach courses in Japanese culture would also be an asset.

Applications should include a cover letter, full CV, 2 sample course syllabi (1 introductory, 1 advanced), and evidence of teaching excellence (course evaluations, awards). Though not required, a link to a teaching demo video may optionally be included. Applicants should also arrange for three confidential letters of reference. All application materials, including letters of reference, should be submitted via email to paasapp@uvic.ca

The deadline for applications is January 11, 2019.

The Department of Pacific & Asian Studies (PAAS) is a dynamic, interdisciplinary Department within the Faculty of Humanities. It has particular strengths in Chinese and Japanese Studies, and a growing program in Southeast Asian Studies. PAAS offers a range of programmes at the undergraduate and graduate levels, and it is involved with a number of campus-wide initiatives, such as the Centre for Asia Pacific Initiatives.

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 (http://www.uvicfa.ca).

Persons with disabilities, who anticipate needing accommodations for any part of the application and hiring process, may contact Francesca Pintucci, in the Office of the VP Academic and Provost, at 250.472.5491 or via email at frconsultant@uvic.ca. Any personal information provided will be maintained in confidence.

This position requires the candidate to produce a verification of degree(s), credential(s) or equivalencies from accredited institutions and/or international equivalents at the time of a site interview.

The University of Victoria is an equity employer and encourages applications from women, persons with disabilities, 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 citizens and permanent residents will be given priority.