
POSITION DESCRIPTION

POSITION NUMBER: 00055950
RANK: Assoc Professor (tenure-track)
FACULTY: Faculty of Arts
DEPARTMENT: Asian Studies

Posting Date: October 8, 2020

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Canada Research Chair (Tier 2) in Hong Kong Studies

The Department of Asian Studies at the University of British Columbia, Vancouver, invites applications for an appointment to a SSHRC Canada Research Chair (Tier 2) in Hong Kong Studies with a focus on literary, visual, and/or popular culture. Applicants should have a Ph.D. or have successfully defended the dissertation in a relevant field at the time of appointment, and they should possess a high degree of proficiency in Cantonese, written Chinese, and English. This position will be at the rank of Assistant or Associate Professor and is expected to start on 1 July 2021.

Applicants should have (relative to career stage) demonstrated or potential ability to:

- publish theoretically-informed research of exceptional quality and originality that thoughtfully engages scholarship in and beyond the field of Hong Kong studies;
- offer courses on Hong Kong literature and cinema as well as to teach, mentor, and address the learning needs of a diverse undergraduate and graduate student population;
- take a leadership role in developing a Hong Kong studies program at the university level as well as to productively engage diverse scholarly and non-scholarly communities.

The successful candidate will join a department (asia.ubc.ca) with a stellar reputation for its teaching and research of Asia as well as a vibrant community of scholars associated with the UBC Hong Kong Studies Initiative (hksi.ubc.ca).

This position is subject to final budgetary approval. Salary will be commensurate with qualifications and experience.

The Canada Research Chairs Program supports outstanding researchers in areas that will further UBC's strategic research plan. All Chair nominations are subject to review and final approval by the CRC Secretariat. To meet the criteria of the CRC program, Tier 2 Chair in Hong Kong Studies nominees must be excellent emerging world-class researchers who have demonstrated particular research creativity and the potential to achieve international recognition in their fields in the next five to ten years. The chair holder should have the potential to attract, develop and retain excellent trainees, students and future researchers; and should propose an original, innovative research program of high quality. Tier 2 Chairs are intended for exceptional emerging scholars (i.e., candidates must have been an active researcher in their field for fewer than 10 years at the time of nomination). Applicants who are more than 10 years from having earned their highest degree (and where career breaks exist, such as maternity, parental or extended sick leave, clinical training, etc.) may have their eligibility for a Tier 2 Chair assessed through the program's Tier 2 justification process. Please consult the Canada Research Chairs website for full program information, including further details on eligibility criteria: www.chairs-chaires.gc.ca and http://www.chairs-chaires.gc.ca/program-programme/nomination-mise_en_candidature-eng.aspx.

Equity and diversity are essential to academic excellence. An open and diverse community fosters the

inclusion of voices that have been underrepresented or discouraged. Pursuant to Section 42 of the BC Human Rights code, the selection will be restricted to members of the following designated groups: women, visible minorities, persons with disabilities, and indigenous people. Applicants to Canada Research Chair positions are asked to complete the Equity Survey for Canada Research Chairs as part of the application, and candidates must self-identify as belonging to one or more of the designated groups to be considered for the position. The Equity Survey link can be found at: https://ubc.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_6WJHol7SfPxRMu9. All qualified persons are encouraged to apply.

Please note that personal information is collected under the authority of sections 26(a) and 26(c) of the BC Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. The information you provide will only be used to determine whether you qualify for participation in this hiring process. Data will be collected by the Equity & Inclusion Office and only the names of those who identify as women, visible minorities (member of groups that are racially categorized) and/or Indigenous peoples will be shared with the search committee. The names of those self-identifying as having a disability will be provided separately to the search committee. Responses will be stored in a secure database.

UBC welcomes and encourages applications from persons with disabilities. Accommodations are available on request for all candidates taking part in all aspects of the selection process. To confidentially request accommodations, please contact Dr. Leo K. Shin at leo.shin@ubc.ca. The University is committed to creating and maintaining an inclusive and equitable work environment for all members of its workforce, and in particular, for its employees with disabilities. An inclusive work environment for employees with disabilities presumes an environment where differences are accepted, recognized, and integrated into current structures, planning, and decision-making modes.

For contact information regarding UBC's accommodation and access policies and resources (for faculty and staff as well as students), please visit the Centre for Accessibility: <https://facultystaff.students.ubc.ca/student-development-services/centre-accessibility/faculty-and-staff-disabilities>

We encourage applications from members of groups that have been marginalized on any grounds enumerated under the B.C. Human Rights Code, including sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, racialization, disability, political belief, religion, marital or family status, age, and/or status as a First Nation, Métis, Inuit, or Indigenous person.

The deadline for receipt of applications is 7 December 2020. All application materials should be submitted online at <http://asia.ubc.ca/careers>. Applicants with questions about the position are welcome to contact Dr. Leo K. Shin, Chair, Search Committee, at leo.shin@ubc.ca.

Applicants should be prepared to upload the following in the order listed (in a single PDF file). Only complete applications will be considered:

- a letter of application that includes a statement of research and teaching interests;
- a curriculum vitae;
- evidence of teaching effectiveness
- a 300-500 word statement in which the applicant may wish to consider the ways their research addresses questions of diversity; their experience relevant to working with a diverse student body; and their contributions, or potential contributions, to advancing a culture of equity and inclusion within the department, university, and beyond;
- up to 3 article-length samples of scholarship (including published articles, unpublished papers, or book/dissertation chapters);
- a sample syllabus for an undergraduate course on Hong Kong literature or cinema;
- names and contact information of 3 scholars willing to provide a letter of reference.

We recognize the legitimate impact that leaves (e.g. maternity leave, leave due to illness) can have on a candidate's record of research achievement and these leaves will be taken into careful consideration

during the assessment process.

Given uncertainty caused by the global COVID-19 pandemic, applicants must be prepared to conduct interviews remotely if circumstances require. A successful applicant may be asked to consider an offer with a deadline without having been able to make an in-person visit to campus should travel or other restrictions apply.

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