

Visiting Faculty Position in School of Historical Studies

Nalanda University

Position Start Date	01 September, 2016
Deadline	Open until filled
Date Posted	July 14, 2016
Salary	Commensurate with position offered
Employment Type	One year Visiting Professor (Non-Extendable)
Total number of Positions	One
Rank	Professor

The School of Historical Studies (SHS) at Nalanda University invites applications for the position of Visiting Professor for one academic year.

The appointment shall be purely on contract basis for the duration of one year and will carry no commitment for appointment on a regular/permanent basis. The position will not carry forward beyond one year and the selected candidates will have no right to claim a tenured/tenure track position at Nalanda.

This Visiting position is to fill a leave vacancy at Professor Rank for one year.

Nalanda University is a postgraduate international research university and is designated as an institution of national importance in India. The university takes its name and draws inspiration from its ancient predecessor which remains the oldest known centre of organized higher learning in the world. The University commenced its academic programmes with two Schools: Historical Studies and Ecology and Environment Studies in 2014. The School of Buddhist Studies, Philosophy and Comparative Religions will commence its academic programmes from the academic session 2016-2017.

The School of Historical Studies considers it imperative to develop and apply a multidisciplinary approach to the study of history. It brings a rich variety of methodologies and disciplinary backgrounds to bear on its research and teaching. The focus areas of the School draw their inspiration from the legacy of ancient Nalanda and its historical links with many countries in Asia and beyond. The focus areas are Asian connections, archaeology, art history, global history and economic history. The School offers a two-year master's degree and is also developing a PhD programme.

Essential Qualifications for the Position

- Previous teaching experience with high ratings of teaching effectiveness.
- Evidence of strong scholarly activity and contributions.
- Strong fieldwork skills as evidenced by completed empirical research projects.
- Ability to teach effectively over a range of topics at the Masters level, not exclusively in the area of one's own research expertise.
- Ability to design, develop and write a Course Curriculum.
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills in English which is the medium of instruction of the University.

Description of the Position

The wide areas of specialization cover the whole range of courses in the School of Historical Studies. Candidates are expected to teach introductory/core courses and upper level advanced courses.

The successful candidate will have:

- Academic expertise in Global history/ Chinese History/ Economic history/ Archaeology/ Ancient history or a closely related field.
- Mastery of language(s) relevant to these areas of specialization will be an added asset.

Description of duties:

- A selected candidate is expected to contribute towards development of the curriculum for teaching Masters level courses with a thesis component in the second year.
- A selected candidate is expected to contribute toward student advising, curriculum development and other services, including but not limited to administrative tasks, in the School and the University.
- Successful candidate is expected to teach between 1.5-2 courses per semester for the Masters degree.
- A selected candidate is expected to provide support to other positions in the case of absences.

Application Procedure

The entire application process is paperless in keeping with the University's commitment to sustainability. Interested applicants must submit the following requirements via email to: jobshs@nalandauniv.edu.in :

- Cover letter (which must clearly indicate the area of specialization)
- Updated CV
- Indicative course outlines
- Statement of research interests (500 words)
- Contact information of at least three (3) academic references
- Three publications

All queries regarding applications should be sent to the following address:

Dr. B.C. Ambika Prasad Pani
Assistant Registrar (Academics)
Nalanda University
Rajgir, Nalanda-803116
Bihar, INDIA.

E-mail: jobshs@nalandauniv.edu.in (Please note that E-mail continues to be our preferred mode of communication).

General Instructions

- While we thank all applicants for their interest, only those under consideration will be contacted for a follow-up interview which will be conducted via Skype or in person.
- The applicants are requested to visit the University website (www.nalandauniv.edu.in) for any other information about the University and the School.
- The competent authority of the University reserves the right to reject any or all the applications without assigning any reason.
- Recommendations from any sources other than those required as references will not be entertained.
- The competent authority of the University also reserves the right to increase/ decrease the number of vacancies as per the requirements of the University.

- The University reserves the right to consider, on its own, names of suitable candidates who might have not applied.
- The University has the right to relax any of the desirable qualifications/experience/age or to modify/change the qualification/age limit and experience criteria for any position - even after publication of this advertisement at its discretion;
- The University at its discretion may restrict the number of candidates to be called for interview on the basis of qualifications/experience higher than the minimum prescribed in the advertisement;

All offers of appointment are contingent upon a successful background check. All candidates are responsible for the authenticity of information and materials provided in the application form. Candidates shall be liable for legal consequences for any misrepresentation of information.

Candidates who have applied in response to any of the previous announcements for teaching positions in School of Historical Studies must apply afresh.

Review of applications begins on July 28, 2016 and continues until position is filled.