

Faculty Positions in School of Buddhist Studies, Philosophy and Comparative Religions

Nalanda University

Position Start Date	August, 2018
Deadline	Open until filled
Date Posted	May 28, 2018
Type	Tenured/tenure track
Salary	Commensurate with position offered
Employment Type	Full-time
Rank	Open

The School of Buddhist Studies, Philosophy and Comparative Religions at the Nalanda University invites qualified applicants for the position of Assistant/ Associate Professor/ Professor in the fields listed below.

Nalanda is a post-graduate international research intensive university. 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.

This School gives special emphasis on the study of Buddhist ideas and values and their historical relevance in relation to other philosophical and religious traditions. This includes a variety of studies such as literary and philosophical texts, Buddhist archaeology, Buddhist philosophy, Religion, philosophy of yoga and meditation among other disciplines. The School is focusing on academic studies of Buddhist and other religious traditions with a scholastic rigour.

Description of the Positions

Applicants to all positions must be fluent in English as it is the medium of instruction at the University as many of our students are international. A Professor should have at least 20 research publications in Refereed Journals with supervision of 5 PhD Theses; An Associate Professor should have at least 10 research publications in Refereed Journals with supervision of 3 PhD Theses; An Assistant Professor should have at least 5 research publications in Refereed Journals.

1. Buddhist Philosophy (One Position)

The successful candidate will have:

- PhD in Buddhist Philosophy, Philosophical Thought, Comparative Religions/Philosophy of Religion, Indian Philosophy or a closely related field.
- Previous teaching experience.
- Evidence of scholarship or strong potential for scholarly contributions.

2. Comparative Religion (One Position)

The successful candidate will have:

- PhD in Comparative Religion; Religious Studies; or a closely related field
- Previous teaching experience.
- Evidence of scholarship or strong potential for scholarly contributions.
- Working and teaching knowledge of at least one relevant classical language (Sanskrit, Pali, Tibetan)

3. Philosophy of Yoga and Meditation (One Position)

The successful candidate will have:

- PhD in Philosophy of Yoga; Yogic Sciences; Meditation studies or a closely related field
- Previous teaching experience.
- Evidence of scholarship or strong potential for scholarly contributions.

4. Mahayana Buddhism (One Position)

The successful candidate will have:

- PhD in Mahayana Buddhism; Buddhist Thought; Buddhist Literature or a closely related field
- Broad knowledge and expertise in Buddhism and Buddhist traditions.
- Previous teaching experience.
- Evidence of scholarship or strong potential for scholarly contributions.
- Working and teaching knowledge of at least one relevant classical language (Sanskrit, Pali, Tibetan)

5: Sanskrit (One Position)

The successful candidate will have:

- PhD in Sanskrit Studies/Sanskrit Literature
- Candidate will have a strong background in language teaching and the didactic and philological skills involved.
- Evidence of scholarly research or strong potential for scholarly contributions
- Working knowledge on the textbook, Devavāṇīpraveśikā: An Introduction to the Sanskrit Language.

6: Pali (One Position)

The successful candidate will have:

- PhD in Pali language/Pali Literature
- Candidate will have a strong background in language teaching and the didactic and philological skills involved.
- Evidence of scholarly research or strong potential for scholarly contributions

Further Details for all positions

- Candidates must be highly motivated to work for the vision of the International Nalanda University.
- Candidates must demonstrate significant scholarly potential and promise of excellence, along with research based teaching at the postgraduate level.
- Candidates are expected to develop collaborations with other tertiary institutions and/or research institutions including raising funds for research projects.
- Candidates are expected to contribute toward student advising, curriculum development and other services, including but not limited to administrative tasks, in the School and University
- Candidates must have an ability to work collegially with faculty members drawn internationally and having diverse disciplinary interests.
- Successful candidates are expected to teach between 2-3 courses per semester for the Master's degree as well as support the Ph.D. degree programme at the School.
- A selected candidate is expected to provide support to other positions in the case of absences.

- Successful candidates are expected to perform a broad array of administrative services that are vital to supporting and sustaining the quality and effectiveness of the University and its programmes.

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: recruitment@nalandauniv.edu.in.

- Cover letter (which must clearly indicate position and rank applied for)
- Updated CV
- Statement of their teaching philosophy, along with indicative courses (1-2 page)
- Statement of research interests, along with research plan for the next three years (2 pages)
- PDF copies of 1-3 best publications related to the field
- Contact information of at least three (3) academic/ professional references

All queries regarding applications should be sent to

E-mail: recruitment@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. Candidates shall not claim it as a right.

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 the legal consequences of any misrepresentation of information.

Review of applications will begin on June 11, 2018 and continue until the position is filled.