

## Teaching Fellowships in School of Buddhist Studies, Philosophy and Comparative Religions

### Nalanda University

<b>Position Start Date</b>	<b>August, 2016</b>
<b>Deadline</b>	Open until filled
<b>Date Posted</b>	March 2016
<b>Job Title</b>	Teaching Fellowship
<b>Salary</b>	Commensurate with position offered
<b>Employment Type</b>	Short Term

The School of Buddhist Studies, Philosophy and Comparative Religions at Nalanda University invites applications for Teaching Fellowships in various fields listed below.

Nalanda is a post graduate 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 has commenced its academic programmes with two Schools: Historical Studies and Ecology and Environment Studies. The School of Buddhist Studies, Philosophy and Comparative Religions is going to commence its academic programmes from the academic session of 2016-2017.

This School will give special emphasis to the study of Buddhist ideas and values and their historical development in relation to other philosophical and religious traditions. This will include a variety of studies such as literary and philosophical texts, archaeology, arts and architecture, among other disciplines. The School will be focusing on academic studies of Buddhist and other religious traditions with a scholastic rigour.

The teaching fellowships are open to fresh PhDs or those who are about to defend their thesis. The Teaching Fellowships are short term appointments for one year duration. Nalanda University is seeking to appoint Teaching Fellows who may have expertise in and ability to design courses and teach any of the areas listed below.

#### **Description of the Positions**

##### **1: South Asian Buddhism**

The successful candidate will have:

- PhD in Buddhist Studies; South Asian Buddhism; 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)

##### **2: Buddhist Philosophy**

The successful candidate will have:

- PhD in Buddhist Philosophy, Philosophical Thought, Comparative Religions/Philosophy of Religion or a closely related field.
- S/he should be well versed in Philosophy of Science; Socio-political philosophy
- Previous teaching experience.
- Evidence of scholarship or strong potential for scholarly contributions.

##### **3: East Asian Philosophy**

The successful candidate will have:

- PhD in Philosophy, East Asian Philosophy; Asian Philosophy; Early Modern Philosophy or a closely related field

- Broad expertise in History of Philosophy, Philosophy of cognitive Science; Epistemology; Contemporary western & Analytic philosophy
- Previous teaching experience.
- Evidence of scholarship or strong potential for scholarly contributions.

#### **4: East Asian Buddhism**

The successful candidate will have:

- PhD in Buddhism, Asian Buddhism; East Asian Buddhism; East Asian 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 East Asian language (Chinese, Japanese, Korean).

#### **5. Tibetan Buddhism**

The successful candidate will have:

- PhD in Tibetan Buddhism; Asian Buddhism; Buddhist Traditions; Tibetan Studies or a closely related field
- Previous teaching experience.
- Evidence of scholarship or strong potential for scholarly contributions.

#### **6. Theory and Methods of the Study of Religions**

The successful candidate will have:

- PhD in Religious Studies; Philosophy and Religious Thought; Philosophy of Religion; Religious Traditions or a closely related field.
- Previous teaching experience.
- Evidence of scholarship or strong potential for scholarly contributions.
- A specialization in at least one Asian or Western religious tradition.

#### **7. Elementary Hinduism**

The successful candidate will have:

- PhD in Asian Religions, Hinduism, Religions of South Asia, Religious Studies or a closely related field
- Previous teaching experience.
- Evidence of scholarship or strong potential for scholarly contributions.

#### **Further Details for all positions**

- It is essential that candidates should demonstrate competence in the language relevant to the areas of specialization.
- As the School of Buddhist Studies, Philosophy and Comparative Religions is a new School, candidates are expected to contribute towards development of the curriculum for teaching a Masters level course with a thesis component in the second year.
- Candidates must be highly motivated to work for the vision of Nalanda University.
- 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 with diverse disciplinary interests.
- A selected candidate is expected to provide support to other positions in the case of absences.

**Applicants to all positions must be fluent in English and have excellent written and communication skills in English which is the medium of instruction in the University.**

### **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: [jobsbs@nalandauniv.edu.in](mailto:jobsbs@nalandauniv.edu.in):

- Cover letter (which must clearly indicate position and rank applied for)
- Updated CV
- Statement of teaching philosophy, along with indicative course outlines (500 words)
- Statement of research interests (500 words)
- Contact information of at least three (3) academic references

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: [jobsbs@nalandauniv.edu.in](mailto:jobsbs@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](http://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.

**All offers of appointment are contingent upon a successful background check.**

**Review of applications will begin on April 15, 2016 and continue until position (s) are filled.**