Indigenous Scholar in Human-Environment Relationships

Department of Geography - Faculty of Social Sciences

The University of Victoria acknowledges with respect the Songhees, Esquimalt and WSÁNEĆ peoples on whose traditional territory the university stands and whose historical relationships with the land continue to this day. In this context, the Department of Geography is committed to the ongoing work of decolonizing and Indigenizing our community both inside and outside the classroom.

The University of Victoria is consistently ranked in the top tier of Canada's research-intensive universities. Vital impact drives the UVic sense of purpose. As an internationally renowned teaching and research hub, we tackle essential issues that matter to people, places and the planet. Situated in the Pacific Rim, our location fosters a profound passion for creativity. Defined by its edges, this extraordinary environment inspires us to defy boundaries, discover, and innovate in exciting ways. It’s different here, naturally and by design. We live, learn and work on the edge of what’s next—for our planet and its peoples. Our commitment to research-inspired dynamic learning and vital impact make this Canada’s most extraordinary environment for ingenuity and innovation. Experience the edge of possibilities for yourself.

Job Summary
The Department of Geography at the University of Victoria invites applications for an Assistant Professor appointment in the area of Indigenous scholarship on Human-Environment Relationships. Candidates must have a PhD in hand by start date. We are a vibrant research department that values cooperation and collaboration among Geographic sub-disciplines. We are committed to active engagement among all our faculty members in research, teaching and service, and we encourage a diversity of approaches and perspectives.

In accordance with the University’s Equity Plan and pursuant to Section 42 of the BC Human Rights code, the selection will be limited to those who self-identify as Indigenous peoples.

Requirements
This is a position with teaching, research and service responsibilities that has eligibility for tenure. We seek a candidate who has demonstrated excellence in undergraduate teaching and excellent potential for graduate teaching and mentoring that support students diversified by gender, ethnicity and other social locations. The candidate will have demonstrated evidence of strong scholarship, an active or well-formulated plan for a continuing research program, and a demonstrated ability or strong potential to attract external research funding.
We seek a colleague who can draw on their experiences, bringing their own particular expertise which could include (but is not limited to) Indigenous methodologies and epistemologies, or community-engaged research in the context of Human Environment Relations. This includes a scholar whose research and teaching interests will contribute to our strength in human-environment relationships, with a focus on Indigenous scholarship and/or traditional ecological knowledge to any of the following: water, energy, wildlife, forests, fossil fuel/minerals, land, waste, environmental health, or other related topics. Within this context an approach that bridges or builds on existing departmental strengths in community-engaged research, resource policy and governance research, ecological conservation, and environmental and climate change is preferred. However, specializations that complement other existing strengths are welcome (faculty profiles: https://www.uvic.ca/socialsciences/geography/people/faculty/index.php).

Additional information

We welcome applicants from Indigenous nations and communities worldwide. Applicants who self-identify as members of Indigenous Nations communities on Vancouver Island and/or in British Columbia are particularly encouraged to apply.

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 (www.uvicfa.ca).

Contact information

Interested persons must submit a:
1. cover letter describing the applicant’s qualifications
2. curriculum vitae (including publication list)
3. statement of research evidence and plans
4. statement of teaching interests and teaching experience
5. statement of contribution or potential contributions to equity and diversity
6. applications are due Friday December 31, 2019

In their statements candidates are encouraged to include supplemental evidence that speaks to their expertise and suitability to this position. In addition, applicants must arrange for confidential letters to be sent separately, and electronically, from at least three referees. If desired, one of these references may be from a community in which the candidate lives and/or works, which could speak to the academic and/or personal qualities the candidate would bring to our department.

The preferred method of application is electronic and materials can be sent to geogchair@uvic.ca, ideally in .pdf format; only complete applications will be considered. Referees should also be instructed to send letters to that email address. All queries and applications should be directed to:
Chair, Department of Geography
Telephone: 250-721-7325
E-mail: geogchair@uvic.ca
Web: http://www.uvic.ca/socialsciences/geography/

Application deadline

December 31, 2019

Equity statement

UVic is committed to upholding the values of equity, diversity, and inclusion in our living, learning and work environments. In pursuit of our values, we seek members who will work respectfully and constructively with differences and across levels of power. We actively encourage applications from members of groups experiencing barriers to equity. Read our full equity statement.

The University acknowledges the potential impact that career interruptions can have on a candidate’s record of research achievement. We encourage applicants to explain in their application the impact that career interruptions have had on their record.

Persons with disabilities, who anticipate needing accommodation for any part of the application and hiring process, may contact Faculty Relations and Academic Administration in the Office of the VP Academic and Provost at FRrecruit@uvic.ca. Any personal information provided will be maintained in confidence.

All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply; in accordance with Canadian Immigration requirements, Canadians and permanent residents will be given priority. Please indicate in your application package if you are a Canadian citizen or permanent resident.