

## **Faculty Positions 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>	Tenured, Tenure Track Positions
<b>Rank</b>	Open
<b>Salary</b>	Commensurate with position offered
<b>Employment Type</b>	Full-time

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

For the rank of Associate Professor and Professor, a PhD is essential and for the rank of Assistant Professor, a PhD is desirable and submission of thesis is a pre-requisite.

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.

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

The wide areas of specialization cover the whole range of courses in the School of Buddhist Studies, Philosophy and Comparative Religions. Candidates are expected to teach introductory/core courses and upper level advanced courses related to their field of expertise.

Ideal candidates will be teachers/scholars with an interest in interdisciplinary approaches to the study of Religion. Candidates should have the ability to contribute in a broad framework to the programmes of School of Buddhist Studies, Philosophy and Comparative Religions and development of the School.

The successful candidate will have:

- PhD in Buddhist Studies/ South Asian Buddhism/Buddhist Literature/ Buddhist Philosophy/Philosophical Thought/Comparative Religions/Philosophy of Religion/ East Asian Philosophy/ Asian Philosophy/ Early Modern Philosophy/ Tibetan Buddhism/ Asian Buddhism/ Buddhist Traditions/ Buddhism/ Religious Studies/ Philosophy and Religious Thought/ Religious Traditions/ Asian Religions/Hinduism/Religions of South Asia/ Sanskrit Studies/Sanskrit Literature/ Pali Literature/ Tibetan Studies/ Tibetan Literature or a closely related field.
- It is essential that candidates should demonstrate competence in Religious Studies, Buddhist Studies, theory and methods and mastery of language(s) relevant to these areas of specialization.
- Broad knowledge and expertise in Buddhism and Buddhist traditions.
- Previous teaching experience with high ratings of teaching effectiveness.
- Evidence of substantive scholarship activity or strong potential for scholarly contributions.

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

- 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 must demonstrate significant scholarly potential and promise of excellence, along with teaching effectiveness 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 the 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 1.5-2 courses per semester for the Masters degree as well as support the PhD degree programme at the School.
- 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 verbal 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, along with research plan for the next three years (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.**