Faculty Positions in School of Historical Studies

Nalanda University

Position Start Date August, 2018
Deadline Open until filled
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Type Tenured/tenure track

Salary Commensurate with position offered

Employment Type Full-time Rank Open

The School of Historical Studies at the Nalanda University invites qualified applicants for the position of Assistant/ Associate Professor/ Professor in the fields listed below.

Nalanda University as a post-graduate international research university and is designated as an institution of national importance by the Government of India. The university takes its name and draws inspiration from its ancient predecessor, which remains the oldest known center of organized higher learning in the world.

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. These 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. All programmes in the School emphasize collaborative research with students and faculty from affiliated universities and institutions, study abroad experience, and foreign and classical language training.

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: History of Science

The successful candidate will have:

- Ph.D. in pre-modern intellectual history of India; History of Ayurveda; the scientific and textual production of knowledge relating to linguistics or to social, ritual and legal formations; astronomy and mathematics.
- Preference will be given to applicants whose work reflects sensitivity to the historical, linguistic and social contexts in which scientific theory and discovery existed within the broad geographical and socio-cultural framework of the Indian subcontinent.
- Applicants must have an ability to work within interdisciplinary and comparative contexts along registers of language, culture, history, society, among others.
- Previous teaching experience with high ratings of teaching effectiveness.
- Evidence of scholarly research or strong potential for scholarly contributions.

2: Asian History

The successful candidate will have:

- Ph.D. in History with a strong focus on Asia or closely related field.
- Previous teaching experience with high ratings of teaching effectiveness.
- Evidence of scholarly research or strong potential for scholarly contributions.

3. Archaeology

The successful candidate will have:

- Ph.D. in Archaeology or Anthropology with a specialization in archaeology or any closely related field.
- Broad knowledge and expertise in prehistoric, historical, and underwater archaeology, archaeological science i.e. ecological modeling, statistical analysis, and/or bioarchaeology.
- Demonstrable record of expertise in theoretical analysis of social and cultural processes and quantitative research.
- Previous teaching experience with high ratings of teaching effectiveness.
- Evidence of scholarly research or strong potential for scholarly contributions.

4. Cultural History of India

The successful candidate will have:

- Ph.D. in Anthropological and historical theories and History of culture and civilization, Asian/Middle-Eastern/European history.
- Preference will be given to applicants whose work reflects sensitivity to the historical and socio-cultural contexts in which cultures are articulated, shaped, configured and transmitted within the broad geographical and linguistic framework of the Indian subcontinent.
- Applicants must have ability to work within an interdisciplinary and comparative context along registers of language, ritual, performance, religion, oral and written compositions, society, among others.
- Demonstrable record of research expertise in one or more relevant languages and interdisciplinary and comparative perspectives along registers of language (classical and/or modern) religion and science.
- Previous teaching experience with high ratings of teaching effectiveness.
- Evidence of scholarly research or strong potential for scholarly contributions.

5. Oral Cultures of India

The successful candidate will have:

- Ph.D. with a specialization in theories of orality, textuality and oral transmission; social, ritual and performative history
- Broad knowledge and expertise in historical and socio-cultural contexts around the framework of 'Asia'.
- Demonstrable record of research expertise in one or more relevant languages (classical and/or modern) and interdisciplinary and comparative perspectives along the registers of socio-economic and political history.
- Previous teaching experience with high ratings of teaching effectiveness.
- Evidence of scholarly research or strong potential for scholarly contributions.

6. India-ASEAN Connections

The successful candidate will have:

- Ph.D. with a specialization in Asian History, South Asian History, South East Asian History, India-ASEAN Connections or a closely related field.
- Broad knowledge and expertise in India-ASEAN Connections and historical and sociocultural contexts around the framework of 'Asia'.
- Demonstrable record of research expertise interdisciplinary and comparative perspectives of socio-economic and political history in relation to South East Asian Nations.
- Previous teaching experience with high ratings of teaching effectiveness.
- 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 gueries 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 (<u>www.nalandauniv.edu.in</u>) 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.