

Job Advertisement

Tenure-track position in Indigenous Language, Department of Native Studies
Faculty of Arts
University of Manitoba
Position Number: 25088

The University of Manitoba Faculty of Arts invites Indigenous scholars to apply for a tenure-track faculty position in Indigenous languages of Manitoba at the rank of Assistant Professor. The appointment will begin July 1, 2018 or as soon thereafter as possible. Candidates who are either of Canadian Indigenous background or are Indigenous in their respective countries/territories and whose areas of specialization complement the University's goals on Indigenous Achievement are invited to apply.

The Department of Native Studies at the University of Manitoba is located in Treaty One territory and the traditional homelands of the Metis Nation. A cultural and geographical centre, Manitoba has the highest percentage of Indigenous peoples in any province. The University of Manitoba is home to almost 30,000 students with 2400 of them Indigenous.

For more than 40 years, the Department of Native Studies at the University of Manitoba has been an international leader in the field, committed to providing an excellent and diverse Indigenous education to its students, to expanding Indigenous knowledge through research, scholarship, and creative activity, and to serving Indigenous, Canadian and other communities through outreach and academic service. Currently the Department offers undergraduate Bachelor of Arts degrees (a 3-year General degree and a 4-year Advanced Major degree) and degrees at the MA and PhD levels. As part of this programming we currently offer 1000 and 2000 level language programming in Cree, Anishinaabemowin (Ojibwe) and Inuktitut, and we are working towards the development of a dedicated languages stream in the Native studies undergraduate program. We offer courses that reflect the interdisciplinary nature of the field in Indigenous cultural and intellectual traditions, histories, arts, contemporary world views, literatures, racism, colonization and decolonization, representation, education, health, and many other topics surrounding Indigenous cultures and communities. As a faculty, we seek to produce traditional and contemporary forms of Indigenous knowledges, engage and support work found in Indigenous communities, and undertake culturally-centered approaches to teaching and conducting research. This position will embody and facilitate inter-disciplinary work, collaborative teaching and research, and the building of partnerships within and outside the University.

The candidate applying for this position is required to have a PhD or be very near completion of the degree in Indigenous Studies, Education, Linguistics, or another related field with demonstrated excellence in research, teaching, and publication (or equivalent education and research). This individual will have speaking, reading, and writing fluency in one of the Indigenous languages of Manitoba and some experience in course development and delivery.

This candidate values diversity, equity, and inclusion, personal academic integrity and is willing to participate in the University of Manitoba's Indigenous Achievement initiatives which can be viewed at <http://umanitoba.ca/indigenous/>.

The preferred candidate will have experience utilizing alternate delivery methods such as video conferencing, online learning, language labs and other distributed learning formats designed to reach local and distance learners. Experience with language curriculum development, implementation and assessment for adult and community learners leading to publications demonstrating best practices in these areas is also preferred.

As funding for this position was received from the University of Manitoba Indigenous Scholars Fund, only Indigenous peoples may apply. Applicants must, at application, declare that they self-identify as Indigenous (First Nations, Metis or Inuit). The University of Manitoba is strongly committed to equity and diversity within its community and especially welcomes applications from Indigenous women, Indigenous members of other racialized communities, Indigenous persons with disabilities, Indigenous persons of all sexual orientations and genders, and others who may contribute to the further diversification of ideas. All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply, however Canadian citizens and permanent residents will be given priority.

Candidates are encouraged to submit electronic application packages. Applications for the position must include a letter of introduction, a statement of interest, a curriculum vitae, teaching evaluations (if available) and three reference letters. Applications should be submitted to:

Native Studies Indigenous language faculty search committee.
c/o Brittany Bowman, Administrative Assistant
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Questions concerning the position can be sent to Dr. Cary Miller, Chair of the Hiring Committee at cary.miller@umanitoba.ca.

Consideration of applications will begin March 23, 2018 and will continue until the position is filled.

Application materials, including letters of reference will be handled in accordance with the protection of privacy provisions of "The Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy (Manitoba). Please note that each curriculum vitae may be provided to participating members of the search process.