

## **Transcultural Japan**

### **Tenured Associate or Full Professor**

The Department of Pacific and Asian Studies at the University of Victoria invites applications for a tenured Associate Professor or Professor specializing in Transcultural Japan, with a prospective start date of July 2021. In accordance with the University's Equity Plan and pursuant to Section 42 of the BC Human Rights Code, preference will be given to women candidates. Candidates who wish to qualify for preferential consideration must self-identify. All candidates meeting the following criteria are encouraged to apply.

#### **Criteria**

We are looking for a scholar whose work crosses traditional regional and disciplinary boundaries—exploring Japan's entanglements with other parts of the world, and engaging wider debates in the humanities and social sciences. Possible areas of expertise might include – but are not limited to – the study of popular culture, new media and technologies, intercultural translation, the experience of diasporic communities, religion and philosophy, ethnic minorities, and indigeneity. The successful candidate will have completed a Doctorate in a field pertinent to the study of Transcultural Japan, and will have a record of excellence in research, pedagogy and engagement that challenges nationally-bounded conceptions of history, language and culture. The candidate's accomplishments in these areas will be evident in peer-reviewed publications, recognition for innovative research and/or pedagogy, success in securing external funding, participation in collaborative or intercultural scholarly endeavors, areas of student supervision, and a well-developed agenda for future work in the field. Evidence of in-depth work with primary sources and/or sustained field-based research is essential. Interest in the development of experiential learning programs would be especially welcome (e.g., field schools, exchange). The successful applicant will have a track record of academic service and administration, with potential for academic leadership.

#### **Duties**

The new appointment will: maintain an active and innovative program of research in the area of Transcultural Japan; teach and supervise students at the undergraduate and graduate levels; and be responsible for service and administrative duties commensurate with rank. In addition to primary teaching responsibilities on topics pertaining to Transcultural Japan, a willingness to conduct seminars for students with advanced Japanese language is also highly desirable.

#### **Application**

To be considered, please submit a complete application package including:

- Cover letter that addresses the full scope of the job requirements (explaining your interest in the position; approach to Transcultural Japan; relevant experience; statement of diversity knowledge, experience and skills);
- Up-to-date curriculum vitae;
- Concise statement summarizing research agenda over the next 5 years (2-3 pages);
- Concise statement of teaching interests in the field of Transcultural Japan (1-2 pages);
- Two recent writing samples of no more than 50 pages apiece.

Applicants should also arrange for three (3) confidential letters of reference to be submitted before the deadline for applications. All application materials, including letters of reference, should be submitted via email to [paasapp@uvic.ca](mailto:paasapp@uvic.ca)

Informal enquiries regarding the position may be sent to Richard Fox ([paaschair@uvic.ca](mailto:paaschair@uvic.ca)); questions regarding the application process should be addressed to (Jennifer Santos) [paasadmin@uvic.ca](mailto:paasadmin@uvic.ca).

The deadline for applications is **January 4, 2021**.

### **Additional information**

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 breeds a profound passion for exploration. 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, work and explore 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 discovery and innovation. Experience the edge of possibilities for yourself.

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 here: [www.uvic.ca/equitystatement](http://www.uvic.ca/equitystatement)

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](mailto:FRrecruit@uvic.ca). Any personal information provided will be maintained in confidence.

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](http://www.uvicfa.ca)).

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.

Please note that reference and background checks, including credential and degree verification, may be undertaken as part of this recruitment process.