

## **University of British Columbia Lecturer Position in Japanese Language and Culture**

The Department of Asian Studies at the University of British Columbia, Vancouver Campus, invites applications for a full-time Lecturer position in Japanese Language and Culture, for one year with a possible renewal/extension to three years, commencing September 1, 2021. In accordance with the Collective Agreement between UBC and the UBC Faculty Association According to UBC Collective Agreement, lecturer positions at UBC are appointments without review (i.e. non-tenure track), renewable for successive terms subject to availability of funds and demonstration of excellence in teaching and service.

The workload for this position includes teaching plus service. The full-time teaching load for a Lecturer is 24 credits (eight 3-credit equivalent courses) per year. Courses will range from first- to fourth-year undergraduate courses. We seek an exceptional and experienced teacher of Japanese Language courses at all levels with a track record of innovative curriculum design and employment of innovative pedagogies.

Desirable skills and experience include: native or near-native fluency in Japanese and English; a Master's degree or higher degree in Japanese Linguistics, Applied Linguistics, Teaching Japanese as a Second/Foreign Language, or a closely related field; evidence of teaching excellence; extensive experience in teaching all levels of Japanese language courses as well as experience in teaching higher-level topic specific or theme-based Japanese courses such as business Japanese, Japanese media, or topics on Japanese language, culture and society at the college/university level in North America; experience in 1) organizing the preparation of teaching and testing materials, 2) supervising and/or training of new teachers and/or TAs; 3) organizing co- and extra-curricular cultural activities and 4) on-line teaching; experience with student placement; evidence of training and a strong background in teaching innovation including computer-assisted teaching, community-based learning, Content Based Instruction, and curriculum development; a strong track record of full participation in team work and program affairs; and evidence of keeping abreast with recent developments in the field and in the development of teaching materials. A commitment to teaching upper-level special purpose courses and lower-level language courses simultaneously in a team setting will be an asset.

The successful candidate will be expected to maintain an excellent record of teaching, active engagement in professional development and team-based curriculum design/development of teaching materials, perform instructional responsibilities in coordination with other instructors in parallel sections and other levels, as well as fully participate in program affairs and service.

Salary will commensurate with qualifications and experience. This position is subject to final budgetary approval.

Applicants should be prepared to upload the following in the order listed (in a single PDF file, with appropriate bookmarks inserted or a content list with links in PDF). Please name the file

using this format: last name-first name-JAPN. Follow the link on <http://asia.ubc.ca/careers> to submit application materials.

1. an application letter
2. curriculum vitae
3. a statement of teaching philosophy, including evidence of teaching effectiveness
4. a statement about the applicant's experience working with a diverse student body and contributions or potential contributions to creating/advancing a culture of equity and inclusion
5. links to two teaching demo videos for Japanese language courses, preferably with
  - one lower-level language course, and
  - one higher level course on special topics

*\* A teaching video of an online class is acceptable. If the teaching demo is not of an entire class, please include at least a complete teaching module in its entirety, with a beginning, transitions, and an ending. A lesson plan for each of the video should be included. Please upload the teaching demo videos to YouTube as unlisted public videos and to send the links as part of the application submission.*

6. names and contact information for three referees who will provide confidential letters of recommendation

*\* Applicants should arrange for three reference letters to be sent **directly** from the referees to [asia.jobsearch@ubc.ca](mailto:asia.jobsearch@ubc.ca). Reference letters should be in PDF format. Please have the letters and emails titled in the following format: applicant last name-first name-referee last name-first name-Reference-JAPN.*

The deadline for receipt of application materials and reference letters is **May 9, 2021**.

Applicants with questions about the position are welcome to contact Dr. Qian Wang, Chair, Search Committee, at [qian.wang@ubc.ca](mailto:qian.wang@ubc.ca).

Equity and diversity are essential to academic excellence. An open and diverse community fosters the inclusion of voices that have been underrepresented or discouraged. We encourage applications from members of groups that have been marginalized on any grounds enumerated under the B.C. Human Rights Code, including sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, racialization, disability, political belief, religion, marital or family status, age, and/or status as a First Nation, Métis, Inuit, or Indigenous person. All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply; however, Canadians and permanent residents will be given priority.

Given the uncertainty caused by the global COVID-19 pandemic, applicants must be prepared to conduct interviews remotely if circumstances require. A successful applicant may be asked to consider an offer containing a deadline without having been able to make an in-person visit to campus if travel and other restrictions are still in place.