

Job Number: 516637

Position: Assistant Professor of Religious Studies

Effective Date: August 17, 2023 (Fall Semester)

Salary Range: Commensurate with qualifications and experience

Application Deadline: Review of applications to begin October 6, 2022. Position opened until filled (or recruitment canceled).

College of Liberal Arts
Department of Religious Studies

Required Qualifications:

- Ph.D. in Religious Studies, South Asian Studies, or similar field. Degree at time of application or official notification of completion of the doctoral degree by August 1, 2023.
- Specialization and expertise in Classical and/or Contemporary Jainism, including (but not limited to) Jain religion, history, literature, politics, and philosophy
- Ability to fulfill the duties of the Bhagwan Suvidhinath Endowed Chair in Jain Studies
- Demonstrated potential for teaching
- Experience or potential for teaching courses in Jain Studies and the Religions of India at undergraduate and graduate level
- Ability to develop new courses in Jain Studies and the Religions of India at the undergraduate and graduate level
- Demonstrated potential for an ongoing successful record of research, scholarly and creative activities in Classical and/or Contemporary Jainism, including (but not limited to) Jain religion, history, literature, politics, and philosophy
- Demonstrated commitment to working successfully with a diverse student population

Preferred Qualifications:

- Expertise in South Asian religions
- Demonstrated excellence in teaching at the college level
- Demonstrated well-defined research program
- Ability to teach foundational courses in Religious Studies
- Ability to contribute to the South Asian Studies minor
- Experience of successfully working with populations demographically and socioeconomically similar to the CSULB student body ([demographics](#))

Duties:

- Teach undergraduate and graduate level courses in religious studies including Jain Religion, Philosophy, and Ethics; Religions of India; Jain Studies; South Asian Religions; and foundational courses. [Mode of instruction may include in-person, hybrid, online, and/or any combination thereof.]
- Perform the duties of the Bhagwan Suvidhinath Endowed Chair in Jain Studies, which include outreach activities related to Jain Studies, involving students and the greater community; organizing symposia on Jain Studies, facilitating study abroad programs having to do with Jain Studies, giving lectures on Jain Studies, and developing relationships with the local Jain diaspora.
- Collaborate with other departments within the campus as appropriate towards creating productive relationships and promoting Jain Studies
- Develop graduate level courses on Jain Studies and South Asian Religions
- Engage in ongoing research, scholarly, and creative activities in Jain Studies, resulting in publication in peer-reviewed
- Advise and mentor our students
- Provide and participate in service to the department, college, university, and community

CSULB seeks to recruit faculty who enthusiastically support the University's strong commitment to the academic success of all of our students, including students of color, students with disabilities, students who are first generation to college, veterans, students with diverse socio-economic backgrounds, and students of

diverse sexual orientations and gender expressions. CSULB seeks to recruit and retain a diverse workforce as a reflection of our commitment to serve the People of California, to maintain the excellence of the University, and to offer our students a rich variety of expertise, perspectives, and ways of knowing and learning. Information on excellent benefits package available to CSULB faculty is located here:

<https://www2.calstate.edu/csu-system/careers/benefits/Documents/employee-benefits-summary.pdf>

How to Apply - Required Documentation:

- An Equity and Diversity Statement about your teaching or other experiences, successes, and challenges in working with a diverse student population (maximum two pages, single-spaced). For further information and guidelines, please visit: <http://www.csulb.edu/EquityDiversityStatement>
- Letter of application addressing the required and preferred qualifications
- CV
- Names and contact information for three references (to be contacted for confidential letters of recommendation should you reach the **finalist stage**)
- **Finalists** should be prepared to submit an official transcript (e-transcript preferred, if available)

How to Apply: Click

<https://careers.pageuppeople.com/873/lb/en-us/job/516637/assistant-professor-of-religious-studies> to complete CSULB online application

Requests for information should be addressed to:

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EMPLOYMENT REQUIREMENTS:

A background check (including a criminal records check and telephone reference check with most recent employer) must be completed satisfactorily before any candidate can be offered a position with the CSU. Failure to satisfactorily complete the background check may affect the application status of applicants or continued employment of current CSU employees who apply for the position.

The person holding this position is considered a “mandated reporter” under the California Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting Act and is required to comply with the requirements set forth in CSU Executive Order 1083 Revised July 21, 2017 as a condition of employment.

CSU Vaccination Policy

CSU requires faculty, staff, and students who are accessing campus facilities to be immunized against COVID-19 or declare a medical or religious exemption from doing so. Any candidates advanced in a currently open search process should be prepared to comply with this requirement. The systemwide policy can be found at <https://calstate.policystat.com/policy/9779821/latest/> and questions may be sent to fahr@csulb.edu.

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