Probationary (tenure-track) Assistant Professor

Department of History

The Department of History, The University of Western Ontario (Western) invites applications for a full-time probationary (tenure-track) faculty position in the area of Africa at the rank of Assistant Professor, effective July 1, 2022, or as negotiated. Salary and rank will be commensurate with experience.

To address Western’s commitment to equity, diversity, inclusion, and decolonization, applicants who self-identify as a woman, Indigenous person, member of a racialized community, person with a disability, or who identify as 2SLGBTQ+ are encouraged to apply to this position. Applicants who would like to self-identify in one of the designated groups can choose to do so in their cover letter.

We seek applicants whose research explores the History of Africa (Time Period Open and Specialization Open). Applicants must possess a Ph.D. in a related field, or be very close to completion. The successful candidate will demonstrate evidence of a strong research record in any area of Africa, with a preference for research that complements the strengths of the Department. Historical training is required, and we prefer candidates whose scholarship uses African language sources. The successful candidate must demonstrate an outstanding record of research productivity in the form of high-impact peer reviewed journal articles, books, conference papers, awards, invited talks and other scholarly achievements as appropriate for their career path and stage.

The Department of History is a research-intensive department that also values excellent teaching at the undergraduate and graduate levels. Research strengths of the department include digital history, international history, public history, and North American history. As well as History modules, the department is home to or participates in several interdisciplinary undergraduate programs, including International Relations, American Studies (Major and Minor), and Public History (Minor). Our faculty supervise both doctoral and masters-level graduate programs (including MA in Public History), with an enrolment of approximately 70 graduate students.

With annual research funding exceeding $220 million, and an international reputation for success, Western ranks as one of Canada’s top research-intensive universities. Our research excellence expands knowledge and drives discovery with real-world application. Western also provides an exceptional employment experience, offering competitive salaries, a wide range of employment opportunities and one of Canada’s most beautiful campuses.

Applications should include the following:
1. Application form [http://www.uwo.ca/facultyrelations/pdf/careers/Faculty/Application-FullTime-Faculty-Position-Form.pdf],
2. cover letter that addresses how the candidate’s expertise fits this position and complements existing departmental strengths, and includes a statement on how the candidate will contribute to our commitment to Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion,
3. Curriculum vitae,
4. Research Statement specifying plans for research at Western (up to two pages),
5. Copies of published or ongoing research as well as links to other papers,
6. Teaching Statement summarizing teaching and mentoring experience, evidence of teaching effectiveness, areas of teaching expertise and plans for teaching and training at Western;

Applications should be emailed to:

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Lawson Hall, Rm 2201
Western University
1151 Richmond Street
London, Ontario, N6A 5B8, Canada
E-mail: history-applications@uwo.ca

Electronic submissions are preferred.

The deadline for receipt of applications is March 31, 2022, or until the position is filled.

Positions are subject to budget approval. Applicants should have fluent written and oral communication skills in English. The University invites applications from all qualified individuals. Western is committed to employment equity and diversity in the workplace and welcomes applications from women, members of racialized groups, Indigenous peoples, persons with disabilities, persons of any sexual orientation, and persons of any gender identity or gender expression.

In accordance with Canadian Immigration requirements, priority will be given to Canadian citizens and permanent residents.

Effective September 7, 2021, all employees and visitors to campus are required to comply with Western’s COVID-19 Vaccination Policy

Accommodations are available for applicants with disabilities throughout the recruitment process. If you require accommodations for interviews or other meetings, please contact Heidi Van Galen vangalen@uwo.ca.

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