Assistant Professor, Indigenous Studies

Concordia University of Edmonton (CUE) is a community of learning grounded in scholarship and academic freedom, preparing students to be independent thinkers, ethical leaders and citizens for the common good. CUE is committed to fostering a diverse, equitable, and inclusive environment for work, study, and living. We actively promote dignity for all, rejecting action and language that are harmful to mutual respect.

CUE is situated on the banks of the North Saskatchewan River in Edmonton’s historic Highlands neighborhood. Supporting a student body of over 3,000, we are known for our small class sizes and excellence in teaching. These features, and our diverse student population, provide an excellent opportunity for engaging with students in a sustained and nurturing way unique within the Canadian university system. CUE is an institution that values research in the sciences, social sciences, humanities and management.

CUE’s Faculty of Arts invites applications for a full-time continuing appointment as Assistant Professor, Indigenous Studies, in the Department of Social Sciences. Expertise in Indigenous Ways of Knowing and social stratification or Treaty is an asset.

This position is available to begin January 1, 2022, or shortly thereafter.

Concordia’s Social Sciences Department comprises a dynamic and cohesive group of scholars teaching and conducting research in the disciplines of economics, sociology, political science, and history. The department’s primary goal is to give students both knowledge of the social sciences and critical thinking and reading skills they can carry with them in whatever walk of life they choose. The department’s particular research strengths include transnational social and political movements, Indigenous history in Canada, and sociology of health and subjective well-being.

The successful candidate will teach Indigenous Studies courses within the Department of Social Sciences. Opportunities to teach History and Sociology courses with an Indigenous Studies focus also exists. The position allows opportunity to develop new Indigenous Studies courses that complement and develop existing Indigenous Studies courses and Indigenous Studies minor offered by CUE.

Qualifications

- A PhD, or PhD ABD with an imminent defense date, in Indigenous Studies; or a PhD in a relevant discipline with a research focus on Indigenous issues;
- An empathetic approach to the instructional needs and concerns of students;
- A university-level or equivalent teaching experience in relevant topics preferred;
- A demonstrated record of, or clear potential for, strong research;
- A demonstrated ability to work collegially as a team member; and
- A willingness to contribute to the successful development of Concordia’s Indigenous strategy.

The normal teaching assignment is 12 hours per semester. In addition, the successful candidate must assume academic administrative duties and will be committed to growing the diversity of and building professional relationships with faculty, staff, students, and the broader community.
Interested individuals may contact Dr. Conrad van Dyk for further information at dean.arts@concordia.ab.ca.

Interested individuals may contact Oliver Franke, Chair of Social Sciences, for further information at oliver.franke@concordia.ab.ca.

Please forward your complete application package to Human Resources, as specified below.

**Closing Date:** Application review will commence on **November 1, 2021** and continue until the position is filled. Please note that this position is subject to budgetary approval.


**Application packages** should include:

- A cover letter (including a statement of citizenship/immigration status);
- Curriculum vitae, including a list of refereed publications;
- Official transcripts of all graduate-level courses;
- A teaching portfolio including a statement on teaching philosophy;
- Recent student evaluations;
- A statement describing past experience in activities that promote diversity and inclusion, broadly understood, and/or plans to make future contributions; and
- Note that shortlisted candidates will be requested to provide three confidential professional and/or post-secondary letters of reference.

The successful candidate must be able to provide a satisfactory Criminal Records Check.

**Please forward a complete application package to CUE Human Resources at careers@concordia.ab.ca.**

*Concordia University of Edmonton encourages applications from members of racialized groups, visible minorities, First Nations, Métis, Inuit, and Indigenous persons, persons with disabilities, women, persons of any sexual orientation or gender identity and expression, and others who may support a diversity of perspectives at CUE. All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply; however, Canadian citizens and permanent residents will be given priority. We thank all applicants for their interest; only those selected for an interview will be contacted.*