June 21, 2017

The Department of Philosophy invites applications for the position of:

Sessional Instructor
Fall Term 2017

Please note that all Sessional Instructor positions involve membership in the Teaching Support Staff Union (TSSU); and are subject to both sufficient enrollment in the course, and budgetary authorization. The Department of Philosophy follows Article XIV (E.2) of the TSSU-SFU Collective Agreement when hiring Sessional Instructors.

COURSE: PHIL 100W – Knowledge and Reality (3 credits/units; 3 contact hours)
SCHEDULE: LECTURE (section J100, SFU NOW program): Wed 17:30 - 20:20
LOCATION: Vancouver (Harbour Centre) campus
DURATION: September 1 to December 22, 2017

RESERVE SESSIONAL INSTRUCTOR POSITION: Yes ☐ No ✓

While priority will be given to Graduate Students and Postdoctoral Fellows in awarding this RESERVED position, all Sessional Instructors are encouraged to apply. In the event the position is not filled by a Graduate Student or Postdoctoral Fellow, it will be filled by another qualified applicant in accordance with Article XIV E of the Collective Agreement.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: July 5, 2017
Application to be submitted addressed to the Chair, via e-mail to Laura Bologea, Manager, Department of Philosophy, at philmgr@sfu.ca

TEACHING ASSISTANTS: NO (this course does not have tutorials)

QUALIFICATIONS:

- PhD in Philosophy
- Demonstrable university teaching experience/ability commensurate with the responsibility of teaching the assigned credit course
- Demonstrable ability to teach an introduction to some of the central problems of philosophy, including: the different theories of reality; the nature and sources of knowledge, truth, evidence, and reason; the justification of belief and knowledge about the universe. This is a Writing-intensive course and is designated as Breadth-Humanities.
- Knowledge of relevant teaching methods
- If relevant, the ability to supervise Teaching Assistants in accordance with the TSSU-SFU Collective Agreement

Note: if two or more applicants for an appointment are deemed qualified, the one with the most seniority at SFU shall be appointed.
DOCUMENTS REQUIRED:

- Current resume/curriculum vitae
- A list of past courses taught at other SFU departments and/or another University or College, and the teaching employment evaluations for those courses.
- Three letters of reference, including at least one from a department/school/program for which courses have been taught
- A brief course outline and a more detailed (e.g., week by week) course syllabus
- A statement of the applicant’s teaching pedagogy

Note: if you have taught for our department in the last 3 years, only an application e-mail, a relevant list of courses taught in the past and a course outline are required.

REQUIRED EMPLOYMENT DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Works closely with the Undergraduate Chair, and with Teaching Assistants if relevant
- Delivers instruction, the content of which is approved by the Chair
- Manages electronic and/or other platforms for the effective delivery of instruction
- If relevant, oversees Teaching Assistants while adhering to TSSU guidelines
- If relevant, holds regular meetings with Teaching Assistants to ensure continuity and cohesiveness in the course
- Holds regular office hours for students
- Undertakes the grading of assignments and examinations per the grading policies/practices of the department and, if relevant, oversees the work of Teaching Assistants to ensure that grading standards are maintained and that marks are both appropriate and uniformly applied
- Compiles final examination and Term marks, and submits the final grades for students in the course
- Manages grade appeals, as necessary, in a timely manner

OTHER INFORMATION: The department may interview a short list of candidates. Some qualifications/documents may be waived for graduate students enrolled in the Philosophy Department.

EQUITY: The University is committed to the principle of equity in employment. (See Policy GP 19.)

PRIVACY:
The information submitted with an application is collected under the authority of the University Act (R.S.B.C. 1996, c.468, s. 27(4)(a)), applicable federal and provincial employment regulations and requirements, the University’s non-academic employment policies and applicable Collective Agreements. The information is related directly to and needed by the University to initiate the employment application process. The information will be used to contact references supplied by an applicant, evaluate an applicant’s qualifications, and complete the employment process by making a hiring decision. Applicant information may also be disclosed to the TSSU in accordance with Article XIII F.3.1.b of the Collective Agreement. If you have any questions about the collection, use and disclosure of this information please contact the Associate VP, Human Resources, Simon Fraser University, Burnaby, BC V5A 1S6. Telephone 778-782-3237.