Assistant Professor - Contractually Limited Term Appointment (3-year term) - Geographic Data Science

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Faculty/Division: Faculty of Arts & Science
Department: Dept of Geography
Campus: St. George (Downtown Toronto)

Description:
The Department of Geography & Planning in the Faculty of Arts & Science at the University of Toronto (St. George campus) invites applications for a 3-year full-time contractually limited term appointment (CLTA) at the rank of Assistant Professor in Geographic Data Science with an anticipated start date of July 1, 2024.

Candidates must have earned a PhD degree in geography (or a related area) with a research focus in Geographic Data Science by the time of appointment, or shortly thereafter, with a demonstrated record of excellence in research and teaching. We welcome applications from candidates with an interest in the applications of Geographic Data Science in fields such as transportation, planning, or sustainability. We encourage applicants who take an equity or justice-based approach to apply. We seek candidates whose research and teaching interests complement and enhance our existing departmental strengths. The successful candidate will be expected to pursue innovative and independent research, and to establish an outstanding, competitive, and externally funded research program. The successful candidate will also be expected to provide service within the University and to broader academic and professional communities.

Candidates must provide evidence of research excellence which can be demonstrated by a record of publications in top-ranked and field relevant journals or forthcoming publications meeting high international standards, the submitted research statement, presentations at significant conferences, awards and accolades, and strong endorsements from referees.

Evidence of excellence in teaching will be provided through teaching accomplishments, the teaching dossier (with required materials outlined below) submitted as part of the application, as well as strong letters of reference.

Salary will be commensurate with qualifications and experience.

The University of Toronto is a tri-campus, research-intensive institution. This appointment is at the St. George campus, which is located in the heart of Toronto and offers the opportunity to conduct research, teach and live in one of the most diverse cities in the world. The University also offers opportunities to work in a wide range of collaborative programs and centres of research, such as the School of Cities, the Data Science Institute, and the School of the Environment. For more information about the Department of Geography & Planning, please visit our home page: http://geography.utoronto.ca/.

All qualified candidates are invited to apply online by clicking the link below.

Applicants must submit:
• a cover letter (1 page limit) briefly highlighting your suitability for the position, including relevant experience and achievements, research goals and how they would contribute to the objectives and mission of the Department;
• a current curriculum vitae;
• a research dossier (including a statement outlining current and future research interests and how your scholarship would contribute to an academic environment that prioritizes equity; and up to two examples of peer-reviewed publications);
• a teaching dossier (including a statement that outlines your teaching philosophy and teaching accomplishments; sample course syllabi related to the teaching of GIS, spatial analysis, and/or your area of research focus; and teaching evaluations.

We seek candidates who value diversity and whose research, teaching and service bear out our commitment to equity. Candidates are therefore also asked to submit a 1-2 page statement of contributions to equity and diversity, which might cover topics such as (but not limited to): research or teaching that incorporates a focus on underrepresented communities, the development of inclusive pedagogies, or the mentoring of students from underrepresented groups.

Applicants must provide the name and contact information of three references. The University of Toronto’s recruiting tool will automatically solicit and collect letters of reference from each referee the day after an application is submitted. Applicants remain responsible for ensuring that referees submit recent letters (on letterhead, dated and signed) by the closing date. More details on the automatic reference letter collection, including timelines, are available in the candidate FAQ.

Submission guidelines can be found at http://uoft.me/how-to-apply. Your CV and cover letter should be uploaded into the dedicated fields. Please combine additional application materials into one or two files in PDF/MS Word format. If you have any questions about this position, please contact the Department Chair, Professor Michael Widener, at jobs@geog.utoronto.ca.

All application materials, including recent reference letters, must be received by March 14, 2024.

All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply; however, Canadians and permanent residents will be given priority.

Diversity Statement
The University of Toronto embraces Diversity and is building a culture of belonging that increases our capacity to effectively address and serve the interests of our global community. We strongly encourage applications from Indigenous Peoples, Black and racialized persons, women, persons with disabilities, and people of diverse sexual and gender identities. We value applicants who have demonstrated a commitment to equity, diversity and inclusion and recognize that diverse perspectives, experiences, and expertise are essential to strengthening our academic mission.

As part of your application, you will be asked to complete a brief Diversity Survey. This survey is voluntary. Any information directly related to you is confidential and cannot be accessed by search committees or human resources staff. Results will be aggregated for institutional planning purposes. For more information, please see http://uoft.me/UP.
Accessibility Statement
The University strives to be an equitable and inclusive community, and proactively seeks to increase diversity among its community members. Our values regarding equity and diversity are linked with our unwavering commitment to excellence in the pursuit of our academic mission.

The University is committed to the principles of the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA). As such, we strive to make our recruitment, assessment and selection processes as accessible as possible and provide accommodations as required for applicants with disabilities.

If you require any accommodations at any point during the application and hiring process, please contact uoft.careers@utoronto.ca.