Position Title/Rank: Assistant Professor – Indigenous Politics (ID# 1803822)
Faculty: Department of Political Science, University of Toronto Scarborough
Deadline: October 15, 2018

The University of Toronto Scarborough invites applications for a tenure-stream appointment in the field of Indigenous Politics. The primary appointment will be in the Department of Political Science (51%), with a cross appointment to the Centre for Critical Development Studies (49%). The appointment will be at the rank of Assistant Professor and will commence on July 1, 2019.

Applicants must have earned a Ph.D. degree in Political Science, or a related discipline, by the time of appointment or shortly thereafter. They must also have a demonstrated record of innovative and independent research and publications centered on Indigenous politics and/or governance. This position is part of the University of Toronto’s response to the calls to action in Canada’s Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC) Report. Preference will be given to Indigenous Peoples of North America or Peoples of Turtle Island, including those who identify as First Nations (status, non-status, treaty or non-treaty), Metis, Inuit, Alaskan Native, Native American, and Native Hawaiian Peoples.

We are seeking a scholar who is able to integrate Indigenous knowledge/Indigenous ways of knowing, as well as research and teaching methods, into the classroom. We are seeking candidates with a geographic focus on Canada but also welcome candidates who study Indigenous politics from a transnational and comparative perspective.

We seek candidates whose research and teaching interests complement and strengthen our existing departmental strengths. The successful candidate will be expected to pursue innovative and independent research at the highest international level and to establish an outstanding, competitive, and externally funded research program.
The successful candidate is expected to have an emerging record of ethical engagement and collaboration with Indigenous communities and organizations, including with community leaders and Elders of at least one Indigenous community in Canada, and an understanding of the importance of consensus-building relationships.

The successful candidate will have an emerging record of scholarly excellence. Such excellence can be demonstrated in the form of publications in leading field-relevant, academic journals, presentations at significant conferences, awards and accolades, commission reports, government briefs, or forthcoming impactful publications, and strong endorsements by referees of high standing, as well as a letter of support commenting on Indigenous community engagement.

The successful candidate will also be able to demonstrate a commitment to excellence in teaching at the graduate and undergraduate levels. Such excellence can be demonstrated through a teaching dossier that includes a coherent statement of teaching philosophy linked to evidence of excellent pedagogical practice and excellent course evaluations, strong endorsements from referees, demonstrated knowledge and experience in Indigenous-based teaching methods, and/or demonstrated superior performance in other teaching related activities, including performance as a teaching assistant or course instructor, experience in leading successful workshops and seminars.

Candidates should also include in their teaching dossier a one-page statement explaining how they can contribute to the delivery of the core curricula in Political Science (http://www.utsc.utoronto.ca/polisci/) and Critical Development Studies (http://www.utsc.utoronto.ca/ccds/). The position will include a graduate appointment in the Department of Political Science on the St. George campus of the University of Toronto. Candidates should also explain in their one-page statement how they can contribute to the development of the tri-campus graduate program (https://politics.utoronto.ca).

Salary will be commensurate with qualifications and experience.

The University of Toronto Scarborough is a research-intensive institution with an interdisciplinary commitment, a multicultural student body, and a modern campus. The University offers the opportunity to conduct research, teach, and live in one of the most diverse cities in the world. The Greater Toronto Area offers amazing cultural and demographic diversity, including a vibrant Indigenous community. UTSC has a strong commitment to increasing the presence of Indigenous peoples and knowledge on campus,
with steering committees examining campus wide responses to the calls to action in the TRC in terms of staff, faculty, research and teaching. Ongoing initiatives include Indigenous faculty and staff recruitment, an Indigenous curriculum committee, and grants for Indigenous research ethics education and community-based teaching development. Finally, the campus is designing a new building which will be a dedicated meeting space for Indigenous students, staff, faculty and elders.

All qualified applicants should apply by clicking [https://utoronto.taleo.net/careersection/10050/jobdetail.ftl](https://utoronto.taleo.net/careersection/10050/jobdetail.ftl)

A complete application must include: a cover letter, a curriculum vitae, an article-length (8000-10,000) writing sample, a statement up to five pages in length outlining current and future research interests, and a teaching dossier (to include a statement of teaching philosophy, teaching accomplishments, a one-page statement explaining how they can contribute to the core curricula in Political Science and Critical Development Studies, and excellent course evaluations or evidence of excellent performance in other teaching related activities), as well as a letter of support commenting on the candidate’s Indigenous community engagement. Questions about this position should be directed to Sue-Ann Hicks (sahicks@utsc.utoronto.ca)

All applications materials must be submitted online by the closing date of October 15, 2018.

Submission guidelines can be found at: [http://uoft.me/how-to-apply](http://uoft.me/how-to-apply). We recommend combining attached documents into one or two files in PDF/MS Word format. Applicants should list a minimum of three referees and arrange for these persons to submit their letter of recommendation (on letterhead, signed and scanned) directly to sahicks@utsc.utoronto.ca by the closing date.

The University of Toronto is strongly committed to diversity within its community and especially welcomes applications from racialized persons/persons of colour, women, Indigenous/ Aboriginal People of North America, persons with disabilities, LGBTQ persons, and others who may contribute to the further diversification of ideas.

Candidates are asked, as part of their application, to complete a brief Diversity Survey. This survey is voluntary. Any information provided 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](http://uoft.me/UP).
All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply; however, Canadians and permanent residents will be given priority.