

Instructional Professor (open rank) in Urdu Language

Description

The Department of South Asian Languages and Civilizations and the College of the University of Chicago seek an experienced teacher of Urdu language to help grow its existing offerings in South Asian languages. We invite applications for a position as an Instructional Professor (open rank) in Urdu language. The position begins in academic year 2022-23, with a start date of September 1, 2022 or as soon as possible thereafter. The selected candidate will be appointed at the rank of Assistant Instructional Professor, Associate Instructional Professor, or Instructional Professor, depending on qualifications and educational background. The initial appointment will be for a minimum of two years, with longer initial terms possible depending on initial rank, with review and progression schedule determined by a collective bargaining agreement between the University and the Service Employees International Union.

Responsibilities include both teaching and service duties. Teaching normally consists of seven courses across three quarters, at least 6 of which are Urdu language courses, at all levels of the language. One additional course may include non-language offerings in the College Core or in the Department of South Asian Languages and Civilizations, to be determined in consultation with the Department and College. Service duties may include advising undergraduate theses, creating and overseeing Urdu placement exams and graduate language exams, teaching independent studies, and engaging in outreach, or other program-specific duties. Instructional Professors of all ranks are required to engage in regular professional development.

Qualifications

Applicants are required to have at least one year of previous experience teaching Urdu at the college or post-secondary level, preferably at a North American institution. An M.A. degree or equivalent is required. A Ph.D. in a related field is desirable. Applicants must demonstrate sufficient language ability for teaching Urdu in a university context. Candidates with specialized training in second language acquisition, second language pedagogy, and/or assessment are especially encouraged to apply.

Application Instructions

To apply for this position, please submit your application through the University of Chicago's Academic Recruitment website at <http://apply.interfolio.com/104670>. An application must include:

- a cover letter
- curriculum vitae
- a teaching statement
- one sample syllabus for Introductory Urdu
- a second sample syllabus for a non-language course
- three letters of recommendation.

Application deadline: **All applicant materials must be received by 11pm central time on April 25, 2022.** To ensure sufficient time for recommenders to submit letters, applicants are encouraged to request letters of recommendation through the Interfolio system before submitting the complete application.

This position is contingent upon budgetary approval. The terms and conditions of employment for this position are covered by a collective bargaining agreement between the University and the Service Employees International Union. For information on the Department of South Asian Languages and Civilizations, please go to <https://salc.uchicago.edu/>. For questions about the position, please contact Tracy Davis at tracyd@uchicago.edu.

EEO Statement

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