The Department of Historical Studies at the University of Toronto Mississauga invites applications for a tenure-stream position in South Asian Religious Literatures at the rank of Assistant Professor. The appointment will begin on July 1, 2013, by which time the candidate must hold a doctoral degree.

Strong candidates will conduct research with a comparative focus, have the requisite competence in the primary source language(s) of their research, and demonstrate expertise in the analysis of the religious, historical, literary, cultural, performative and/or ritual contexts of the materials they study.

Applicants with expertise in Bhakti, Sufi, Sant or similar literatures are especially encouraged to apply. Interests that complement and enhance existing departmental strengths would be an asset. Candidates must demonstrate evidence of excellence in and commitment to both research and teaching, with established or clear promise of distinguished publications in their field. The successful candidate will have the ability to teach a broad range of courses from the introductory to advanced levels about diverse aspects of South Asian Religious Literatures, contributing to the undergraduate program on the Mississauga campus, and will hold a graduate appointment at the Department for the Study of Religion on the St. George campus of the University of Toronto.

All qualified applicants are encouraged to apply by clicking the link: http://www.jobs.utoronto.ca/faculty.htm (Position #1201023). Salary will be commensurate with qualifications and experience. Applications must be submitted by October 15, 2012, and include a cover letter, curriculum vitae, sample of academic writing, statement of research interests, all academic transcripts, and a teaching dossier (i.e. summaries of teaching evaluation for all courses taught; sample syllabi, assignments and tests; descriptions of teaching strategies and innovations, etc.). If you have any questions about this position, please contact historical.studies@utoronto.ca.

The U of T application system can accommodate up to five attachments (10 MB) per candidate profile; please combine attachments into one or two files in PDF/MS Word format. Submission guidelines can be found at: http://uoft.me/how-to-apply.

Arrangements should be made for three letters of reference, at least one of which must comment on the applicant’s teaching abilities, to be submitted via email to the Chair at historical.studies@utoronto.ca. Please include the candidate’s name and “South Asian Search” in the subject line.

Information about these two departments is available at: http://www.utm.utoronto.ca/historical-studies/ and http://www.religion.utoronto.ca/. The successful applicant will join a vibrant intellectual community of world-class scholars at Canada’s largest university. The Greater Toronto Area (GTA) is one of the most fascinating, diverse and “livable” places in the world.

The University of Toronto is strongly committed to diversity within its community and especially welcomes applications from visible minority group members, women, Aboriginal persons, persons with disabilities, members of sexual minority groups, and others who may contribute to the further diversification of ideas. All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply; however, Canadians and permanent residents will be given priority.