Assistant Professor, Teaching Stream – Urban Policy and Politics

The Department of Political Science at the University of Toronto Mississauga invites applications for a full-time teaching-stream position in the area of Urban Policy and Politics. The appointment will be at the rank of Assistant Professor, Teaching Stream and will begin on July 1, 2020, or shortly thereafter.

Candidates are expected to have earned a Ph.D. degree in Political Science or a closely related field by date of appointment or soon thereafter. Applicants with a Ph.D. in a related field and a strong track record in the civil service or a non-government organization are also encouraged to apply. We seek enthusiastic and innovative individuals pursuing a long-term academic career in pedagogy. In addition to excellence in teaching, the successful candidate will also be expected to create and support experiential learning opportunities, participate in the development of undergraduate curriculum, to engage in undergraduate mentorship, and to help foster a vibrant intellectual environment for our undergraduate programs.

We seek candidates whose teaching interests complement and strengthen our existing departmental strengths. Candidates must have teaching expertise in a degree granting program at the undergraduate program level, including lecture preparation and delivery, curriculum development, and/or development of online material/lectures. Additionally, candidates must possess a demonstrated commitment to excellent pedagogical practices and a demonstrated interest in teaching-related scholarly activities.

Evidence of excellence in teaching and pedagogical inquiry can be demonstrated through teaching accomplishments, awards and accolades, presentations at significant conferences, the teaching dossier submitted as part of the application including a strong teaching statement, sample syllabi, course materials, and teaching evaluations, as well as strong letters of reference from referees of high standing.

At the University of Toronto Mississauga, the expectation of faculty members in the teaching stream is that they bring a dimension of teaching excellence and educational innovation that enhances undergraduate or graduate education and adds significantly to the quality of the student experience. The Department of Political Science is interested in expanding its experiential learning opportunities, specifically developing an internship program relating to Urban Policy/Politics and seeks candidates with strong relevant experience and the desire to take the lead in development of such a program.

Salary will be commensurate with qualifications and experience.

To be considered for this position, all application materials must be submitted online by clicking the apply link below. Please include a cover letter, curriculum vitae, a statement of teaching philosophy (1 page), sample syllabi and course assignments (max 10 pages) and prior student evaluation or other assessments of teaching effectiveness (max 10 pages).
Equity and diversity are among UTM’s core values and are essential to academic excellence. 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): teaching that incorporates a focus on underrepresented communities, the development of inclusive pedagogies, or the mentoring of students from underrepresented groups.

Applicants must arrange for three referees to send confidential letters of recommendation, including one primarily addressing the candidate’s teaching, directly via email (on letterhead, signed and scanned) to the Chair, Professor Andrea Olive, at polsci.utm@utoronto.ca by the closing date.

Applications and all materials (including reference letters) must be received by October 17th, 2019.

Please submit attachments in PDF format only. Submission guidelines can be found at: uoft.me/how-to-apply. If you have questions about this position, please contact chair.pol.utm@utoronto.

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.

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 uoft.me/UP.

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