

Department: Religious Studies
Faculty Hire Number: 20-30

Effective Date of Appointment: August 19, 2020
(Subject to Budgetary Approval)

Rank: Assistant Professor, Full time, tenure track. Salary: Dependent upon qualifications
Bhagvan Ajitnath Endowed Professor in Jain Studies

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Qualifications:

Candidates for the Bhagvan Ajitnath Endowed Professor in Jain Studies must hold a PhD or other doctoral degree with a specialization in Religious Studies or related fields awarded by the date of the appointment. We seek candidates with a wide range of research interest in Jain Studies, including Jain religion, ethics, philosophy, history and/or culture, as well as broad knowledge of South Asian religions. Some familiarity with the languages of the Jain primary sources and university-level teaching experience are preferred. The successful candidate must demonstrate potential for publications, ability to teach a broad range of undergraduate courses in Religious Studies, and competency to effectively teach a diverse student population.

At time of appointment, the successful candidate, if not a U.S. citizen, must have authorization from the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) to work in the United States.

Responsibilities:

The University seeks individuals who will contribute both to their chosen disciplines and to the University's commitment to student success. All faculty are expected to serve on departmental and/or university committees; demonstrate teaching effectiveness; and contribute to their field of specialization through research, publication, and other scholarly/professional/creative activities. The standard teaching load is 12 units (4/4) per semester (3/3 for the first two years), and competitive reassigned time is available for research and/or curriculum development. All faculty in the Religious Studies Department teach a variety of lower- and upper-level classes, including General Education courses as well as undergraduate courses in their specialization. The successful candidate for this position will be expected to develop and offer undergraduate courses in Jain studies.

Application Deadline:

Screening of applications will begin **November 15, 2019**. Priority will be given to applications received by December 2, 2019, and the position will remain open until filled.

Applicants must submit a cover letter, curriculum vitae, and three letters of recommendation (dated 2017 or later). Additional materials may be requested in later phases of the search process.

How to Apply:

This institution is using Interfolio's ByCommittee to conduct this search. Applicants for this position receive a free Dossier account and can send all application materials, including confidential letters of recommendation, free of charge to: <http://apply.interfolio.com/68592>

General Information:

In compliance with the Annual Security Report & Fire Safety Report of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act, California State University, Northridge has made crime-reporting statistics available on-line [here](#). Print copies are available by request from the Department of Police Services, the Office for Faculty Affairs, and the Office of Equity and Diversity.

The person holding this position may be considered a 'mandated reporter' under the California Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting Act and is required to comply with the requirements set forth in [CSU Executive Order 1083](#) as a condition of employment.

A background check (including a criminal records check) must be completed satisfactorily before any candidate can be offered a position with the CSU. Failure to satisfactorily complete the background check may affect the application status of applicants or continued employment of current CSU employees who apply for the position.

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