

Assistant Professor

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Indigenous Language Revitalization and/or Linguistics First Nations Studies Faculty of Indigenous Studies, Social Sciences and Humanities Tenure-Track, Full-Time

The University of Northern British Columbia invites applications for a Tenure-Track position in the Department of First Nations Studies at the rank of Assistant Professor, with a proposed starting date of July 1, 2022. As an institution committed to the fostering of an inclusive and transformative learning environment, UNBC values high quality and growth in both teaching and scholarship.

This position is a direct response to Call to Action Number 16 of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, which asks “post-secondary institutions to create university and college degree and diploma programs in Aboriginal languages.” Currently UNBC offers a number of community-based language programs in community in addition to our stand offering of Indigenous language courses. As such, although they will be primarily responsible for instruction and course development in the Prince George First Nations Studies program, the successful candidate will also work with local communities and other members of the university community in the area of language revitalization.

The Department of First Nations Studies invites applications from individuals from a broad background, who are aware of recent conversations on cultural safety and humility, and have experience working on the topic of language revitalization and/or linguistics. Successful candidates must demonstrate a record of instruction and research in Indigenous studies and/or related fields. Preference will be given to qualified candidates who self-identify as Indigenous in accordance with the BC Human Rights Code and the Employment Equity Act. Consideration may also be given to those who can otherwise demonstrate an ability to meet the requirements of the position specific to building and advancing Indigenous relationships.

Applicants for this position should hold a minimum of a PhD degree, be aware of recent conversations on cultural safety and humility, and have experience working on the topic of Indigenous revitalization. A growing record of scholarly activity as well as present evidence of and commitment to teaching excellence should also be shown. For this position, we seek an individual with particular experience working with Indigenous communities, particularly with regard to language is an additional asset, especially if it relates to the language revitalization and/or linguistics.

About the University and its Community

Located in the spectacular landscape of northern British Columbia, UNBC is one of Canada’s best small research-intensive universities, with a core campus in Prince George and three regional campuses in Northern BC (Quesnel, Fort St. John and Terrace). We have a passion for teaching, discovery, people, the environment, and the North. Our region is comprised of friendly communities, offering a wide range of outdoor activities including exceptional skiing, canoeing and kayaking, fly fishing, hiking, and mountain

biking. The lakes, forests and mountains of northern and central British Columbia offer an unparalleled natural environment in which to live and work.

UNBC provides outstanding undergraduate and graduate learning opportunities that explore cultures, health, economies, sciences, and the environment. As one of BC's leading research-intensive universities, we bring the excitement of new knowledge to our students, and the outcomes of our teaching and research to the world. In addition to fostering and celebrating academic excellence, UNBC is a welcoming place, with a learning environment that is friendly, inclusive, and supportive.

Small classes and a connected community exemplify UNBC and mean that our students and professors get to know one another. Outstanding academics, hands-on research, unlimited adventure and a tight-knit campus community result in strong student satisfaction at UNBC.

For the past 10 years, UNBC has placed in the top three in its category in the annual Maclean's University Rankings, the only university of its size to achieve that feat. UNBC also recently placed among the top 4 per cent of higher education institutions worldwide in the Times Higher Education World University Rankings.

For more information about living and working with the University of Northern British Columbia please refer to <http://www.unbc.ca/experience> and http://www.unbc.ca/provost/new_faculty.html . Make your mark with this leading post-secondary institution.

To Apply

Applicants should forward their cover letter indicating potential contributions to the Program, curriculum vitae, a brief statement of teaching approaches and research program, the names and addresses of three references (including telephone and email information), and the following form which can be found here: <https://www2.unbc.ca/sites/default/files/sections/human-resources/form-statementofeligibilitytoworkincanada-fillablepdf.pdf> quoting posting #FAFNST02-21 to:

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Email submissions: FacultyRecruitment@unbc.ca
Inquiries: Dr. Daniel Sims, Chair – First Nations Studies
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All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply; however, Canadians and permanent residents will be given priority. The University of Northern British Columbia is committed to employment equity and encourages applications from women, aboriginal peoples, persons with disabilities and members of visible minorities.

We thank all applicants for their interest in UNBC however, only those applicants selected for further consideration will be contacted.

Applications received on or before January 7, 2022, will receive full consideration; however, applications will be accepted until the position is filled.