

Assistant Professor

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Writing Studies Department of English Faculty of Indigenous Studies, Social Sciences and Humanities Tenure-Track

The University of Northern British Columbia (UNBC) invites applications for a tenure-track position in the Department of English at the rank of Assistant Professor, with a proposed starting date of July 1, 2024. 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.

The Department is seeking a scholar with experience in the field of Writing Studies and familiarity with literary studies. Normally, applicants for this position will have completed a PhD in Writing Studies, English Studies or a related field by the time of employment, and have a growing record of scholarly activity, as well as evidence of and commitment to teaching excellence. Experience in a leadership role such as coordinator of a Writing Centre or Writing Committee is an asset, since the successful candidate will be involved in the pedagogical development of ENGL 170: Writing and Communication Skills and other Writing Studies initiatives at UNBC.

The Department of English offers programs of study leading to a BA and MA. The department is innovative with an emphasis on literary, creative and media studies. We offer courses in literatures from around the globe as well as creative writing. Key areas include Canadian, American, British, and Indigenous literatures, Media Studies (film and television), and Creative Writing. The Department of English is committed to artistic and cultural expression not only through undergraduate courses in literary studies, creative writing and media studies, but also through graduate level offerings that are part of the Master of Arts degree in Literature, Culture and Place.

For more information about the Department of English, visit our website at <http://www.unbc.ca/english>.

The successful applicant's core responsibilities will be to deliver multiple sections of English 170 (Writing and Communication Skills) per year, in addition to one or two other courses. While applicants with interests in writing across the disciplines, post-secondary pedagogy, the theory and practice of writing, online learning and technology, AI, journalism, or EAL learning are particularly welcome, applications from those with a background in any area of literary studies, film studies, or creative writing will be considered if they have had experience teaching writing courses at a post-secondary institution.

Our Commitment to Diversity and Employment Equity

The University of Northern British Columbia is fully committed to creating and maintaining an equitable, diverse, and inclusive environment that is accessible to all. We are devoted to ensuring a welcoming, safe, and inclusive campus free from harassment, bullying, and discrimination. This commitment is woven into our motto and mission. In the Dakelh language, UNBC's motto 'En Cha Huná translates to "he/she/they also live" and means respect for all living things. Through the respect for all living things, we are able to grow and learn better together, each bringing our own unique individual differences and contributions to inspire leaders for tomorrow by influencing the world today.

Employment equity requires that we remove barriers and overcome both direct and indirect discrimination. In this way, the pool of excellent candidates increases substantially. We encourage



applications from members of groups that have been marginalized on any grounds enumerated under the B.C. Human Rights Code, including sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, racialization, disability, political belief, religion, marital or family status, age, and/or status as a First Nation, Metis, Inuit, or Indigenous person

About the University and its Community

Since its founding in 1990, the University of Northern British Columbia (UNBC) has emerged as one of Canada's best small research-intensive universities, with a passion for teaching, discovery, people, and the North. UNBC's excellence is derived from community-inspired research, hands-on learning, and alumni who are leading change around the world.

Since time immemorial, Indigenous peoples have walked gently on the diverse traditional territories where the University of Northern British Columbia community is grateful to live, work, learn, and play. We are committed to building and nurturing relationships with Indigenous peoples, we acknowledge their traditional lands, and we thank them for their hospitality. UNBC's largest campus in Prince George is located on the traditional unceded territory of the Lheidli T'enneh, in the spectacular landscape near the geographic centre of beautiful British Columbia.

UNBC's three regional campuses are located in Quesnel, Fort St. John, and Terrace. The South-Central campus in Quesnel is situated on the traditional territory of the Lhtako Dené (Red Bluff Band), Nazko, Lhoosk'uz Dené Nation (Kluskus Band), and Esdilagh First Nations (formerly Alexandria Band). Lhtako, Nazko, and Lhoosk'uz are Dakelh First Nations, and Esdilagh is a member of the Tsilhqot'in Nation. The Peace River-Liard campus in Fort St. John is situated on the traditional territory of the Doig River, Blueberry River and Halfway River First Nations. They are the Dunne-Za people. The Northwest campus in Terrace is situated on traditional Ts'msyen (Tsimshian) territory of the Kitsumkalum and Kitselas First Nations. It includes a satellite campus in the coastal community of Prince Rupert.

UNBC consistently ranks in the top three in its category in the annual Maclean's university rankings. UNBC also recently placed among the top five per cent of higher education institutions worldwide by the Times Higher Education World University Rankings.

With a diverse student population, the University is friendly, inclusive, and supportive. Prince George is a city of ~74,000 people with impressive cultural, educational, and recreational amenities. For more information about living and working in Prince George, please refer to <http://www.unbc.ca/experience> and <https://moveupprincegeorge.ca>. Make your mark with this leading post-secondary institution.

Salary

The salary for this position will be determined with consideration of the successful candidate's relevant qualifications and experience as per the UNBC Faculty Association Collective Agreement. The annual salary range for this position is expected to be from \$84,637 to \$122,736. Please refer to the link below to the Collective Agreement (Article 48) for more compensation information:

<https://www2.unbc.ca/sites/default/files/sections/humanresources/facultyassociationcollectiveagreementjuly12023-june302025-revised.pdf>



To Apply

Applicants should forward the following documents to FacultyRecruitment@unbc.ca or mail to Office of the Provost quoting the posting number (#FAENGL01-23):

- cover letter indicating potential contributions to the Program;
- curriculum vitae;
- a teaching dossier (including a brief statement outlining teaching approaches/philosophy, a writing-focused sample course outline, and a peer letter or review/evaluations of teaching);
- a statement outlining the applicant's research program;
- the names and addresses of three references (including telephone and email information); and
- the Statement of Eligibility to Work in Canada form, which can be found here: <https://www2.unbc.ca/sites/default/files/sections/human-resources/statementofemploymenteligibilityjan0520221.pdf>.

Voluntary Form:

- the Self-Identification form, which can be found here: <https://www2.unbc.ca/sites/default/files/sections/human-resources/unbcself-idrevisedmay2022-fillable.pdf>

Persons with disabilities, who anticipate needing accommodation for any part of the application and hiring process, may contact UNBC Health & Wellbeing at wellbeing@unbc.ca. Any personal information provided will be maintained in confidence.

Mail Submissions: Office of the Provost, University of Northern British Columbia
3333 University Way, Prince George, B.C., V2N 4Z9

Email Submissions: FacultyRecruitment@unbc.ca

Inquiries: Dr. Karin Beeler, Chair – Department of English
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All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply; however, Canadians and permanent residents will be given priority. 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 February 9, 2024, will receive full consideration; however, applications will be accepted until the position is filled.

