

Chair of Christian Thought, Department of Classics and Religion, University of Calgary

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Location: Main Campus

Position Description

The **Department of Classics and Religion** at the University of Calgary invites applications for a tenured position at the rank of **Associate or Full Professor** who will serve for a five year (renewable) term as the **Chair of Christian Thought**. The area of specialization within the study of Christianity is open, as is the disciplinary approach within the broader study of religion. The Department encourages applicants from a range of disciplinary backgrounds, including the history, sociology, anthropology, or philosophy of religion, as well as theology. Candidates with expertise in emerging theories and methods within the study of religion or theology are especially encouraged to apply.

The Chair of Christian Thought at the University of Calgary serves as a resource and catalyst in promoting the academic study of Christianity in both the University and the Christian communities of the City of Calgary. The Chair's mission is to act as a bridge between the academy and faith communities. The Chair undertakes all normal university activities of teaching undergraduate and graduate courses, research, and writing. The Chair has reduced teaching duties, and will normally teach 3 courses a year. The Chair also initiates community events, including organizing a series of four endowed lectures per year.

The successful candidate will have a PhD or its equivalent in Religious Studies or a cognate discipline, as well as mastery of relevant research languages. They will demonstrate excellence in teaching, graduate supervision, and scholarship. They will also possess the necessary communication, interpersonal, and leadership skills for developing good public relations between the University of Calgary and Calgary's Christian communities through enrichment activities. The Chair will initially be held for a five-year term. This term is renewable at the end of each five years contingent upon favorable performance.

Interested individuals are encouraged to submit an application online via the '**Apply Now**' link. Please be aware that the application process allows for only **four** attachments. Your four application attachments should be organized to contain the following (which may require you to merge documents, such as publications)

- Letter of interest and curriculum vitae, including a statement providing a plan for the applicant to establish connections with the Christian communities of the City of Calgary
- Three examples of recent scholarly work
- Evidence of teaching experience and effectiveness
- Description of a proposed 5-year research plan for the Chair

Applicants should also arrange to have three confidential letters of reference to be submitted directly to the selection committee at:

Dr. Richard Sigurdson, Dean
c/o Sharla Mann, Manager Administrative Services
Department of Classics and Religion
Faculty of Arts, University of Calgary
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Questions regarding this opportunity should be addressed to Sharla Mann by email at sharla.mann@ucalgary.ca

All applications must be received by February 19, 2019, at which time the Academic Selection Committee will begin reviewing applications to select applicants to invite for on-site interviews.

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The Department of Classics and Religion respects, appreciates and encourages diversity, and we encourage diverse applicants to apply for this position. A number of resources are available on campus to support diversity and inclusion on campus, including two daycares, the Q Centre, the Office of Diversity, Equity, and Protected Disclosure, the Native Centre, and the Women's Resource Centre. For more information, please visit www.ucalgary.ca.

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Additional Information

To learn more about academic opportunities at the University of Calgary and all we have to offer, view our [Academic Careers website](#). For more information about the Faculty of Arts visit [Careers in the Faculty of Arts](#).

About the University of Calgary

The University of Calgary is Canada's leading next-generation university – a living, growing and youthful institution that embraces change and opportunity with a can-do attitude. Located in the nation's most enterprising city, the university is making tremendous progress on its Eyes High journey to be recognized as one of Canada's top five research universities, grounded in innovative learning and teaching and fully integrated with the community it both serves and leads. The University of Calgary inspires and supports discovery, creativity and innovation across all disciplines. For more information, visit ucalgary.ca.

About Calgary, Alberta

Calgary is one of the world's cleanest cities and has been named one of the world's most livable cities for years. Calgary is a city of leaders - in business, community, philanthropy and volunteerism. Calgarians benefit from a growing number of world-class dining and cultural events and enjoy more days of sunshine per year than any other major Canadian city. Calgary is less than an hour's drive from the majestic Rocky Mountains and boasts the most extensive urban pathway and bikeway network in North America.

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