

**Associate Professor – Faith-Based Environmentalism**

**Date Posted:** July 27, 2023; **Closing Date:** September 1, 2023

**Req ID:** 32588; **Job Category:** Tenure Stream

**Faculty / Division:** Faculty of Arts and Science

**Department:** School of the Environment; **Campus:** St. George (downtown Toronto)

**Description**

The School of the Environment in the Faculty of Arts and Science at the University of Toronto invites applications for a full-time tenure stream position in the area of Faith-Based Environmentalism. The appointment will be at the rank of Associate Professor, with an expected start date of July 1, 2024 or shortly thereafter.

We seek candidates who are established international leaders in interdisciplinary research in the environmental humanities, focussing on environmental engagement in religious communities, including work on faith-based environmental action, Jewish environmentalism, and cultural values around wastefulness, consumption, and simplicity. The successful candidate must have experience in developing databases that support comparative analysis of faith-based communities, including statistical, geospatial, and demographic analysis. They must also have experience analyzing and re-interpreting religious texts to understand the basis for faith-based environmentalism, must have published a substantial body of work on wastefulness as a religious value, including at least one book with a reputable university press, and must have a track record of successful SSHRC funding to support this work.

Applicants must have earned a PhD degree in the humanities, focussing on Religion and Environment, with a clearly demonstrated exceptional record of excellence in research and teaching. We seek candidates whose research and teaching interests complement and enhance our [existing strengths at the School](#). Candidates will have an established international reputation and will be expected to sustain and lead innovative and independent research at the highest international level and to maintain an outstanding, competitive, and externally funded research program.

Candidates must provide evidence of research excellence which can be demonstrated by a record of sustained high-impact contributions and publications in top-ranked and field relevant journals, the submitted research statement, presentations at significant conferences, distinguished awards and accolades, and other noteworthy activities that contribute to the visibility and prominence of the discipline, as well as strong endorsements from referees of high standing.

Evidence of excellence in teaching will be provided through teaching accomplishments, the teaching dossier submitted as part of the application (with required materials outlined below), as well as strong letters of reference.

Salary will be commensurate with qualifications and experience.

The [School of the Environment](#) is an interdisciplinary hub within the Faculty of Arts & Science, running undergraduate and graduate programs in environment and sustainability. The appointment will be held at the University of Toronto campus in downtown Toronto (St. George campus). Toronto is a vibrant and cosmopolitan city, one of the most desirable in the world in which to work and live.

All qualified candidates are invited to apply online by clicking the link below. Applicants must submit a cover letter; a current curriculum vitae; a research statement outlining current and future research interests; one recent publication; and a teaching dossier to include a strong teaching statement, sample course materials, and teaching evaluations.

Applicants must provide the name and contact information of three references. The University of Toronto's recruiting tool will automatically solicit and collect letters of reference from each once an application is submitted (this happens overnight). Applicants, however, remain responsible for ensuring that references submit letters (on letterhead, dated and signed) by the closing date. More details on the automatic reference letter collection, including timelines, are available in the [FAQ](#).

Submission guidelines can be found at <http://uoft.me/how-to-apply>. Your CV and cover letter should be uploaded into the dedicated fields. Please combine additional application materials into one or two files in PDF/MS Word format. If you have any questions about this position, please contact Professor Steve Easterbrook, Director of the School of the Environment ([director.environment@utoronto.ca](mailto:director.environment@utoronto.ca)).

All application materials, including reference letters, must be received by **September 1, 2023**.

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

### **Diversity Statement**

The University of Toronto embraces Diversity and is building a culture of belonging that increases our capacity to effectively address and serve the interests of our global community. We strongly encourage applications from Indigenous Peoples, Black and racialized persons, women, persons with disabilities, and people of diverse sexual and gender identities. We value applicants who have demonstrated a commitment to equity, diversity and inclusion and recognize that diverse perspectives, experiences, and expertise are essential to strengthening our academic mission.

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 <http://uoft.me/UP>.

### **Accessibility Statement**

The University strives to be an equitable and inclusive community, and proactively seeks to increase diversity among its community members. Our values regarding equity and diversity are linked with our unwavering commitment to excellence in the pursuit of our academic mission.

The University is committed to the principles of the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA). As such, we strive to make our recruitment, assessment and selection processes as accessible as possible and provide accommodations as required for applicants with disabilities. If you require any accommodations at any point during the application and hiring process, please contact [uoft.careers@utoronto.ca](mailto:uoft.careers@utoronto.ca).

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