2019-20 Ritsumeikan Visiting Professorship
Call for Applications

The UBC Ritsumeikan Academic Exchange Programme (www.rits.ubc.ca) is seeking applications from members of the Faculty of Arts and the Faculty of Education for the 2019-20 Visiting Professorship at Ritsumeikan University in Kyoto, Japan.

Under a UBC/Ritsumeikan agreement a tenured or tenure-track faculty member at UBC has an opportunity to conduct research while making a teaching contribution, (one graduate or undergraduate course), at Ritsumeikan University for one academic semester. Applicants’ teaching field(s) must match those offered by Ritsumeikan. Please check the Ritsumeikan English Language website for information on their current programs and course offerings: http://www.ritsumei.ac.jp/eng/

Interested applicants would be applying to take up a visiting professorship in either fall/winter 2019 or spring/summer 2020. The Visiting Professor will be expected to remain in Japan until the grades for their course have been submitted.

Fall Semester 2019 (approximate start and end dates)
Semester begins: September 25, 2019
Last day of class: January 18, 2020
Exam period: January 21 – January 31, 2020

Spring Semester 2020 (approximate start and end dates)
Semester begins: April 1, 2020
Last day of class: July 20, 2020
Exam period: July 23 - August 2, 2020

Ritsumeikan University provides single accommodation for the Visiting Professor although it may be possible to arrange suitable accommodation for a family if advance notice is given. The Faculty of Arts or the Faculty of Education provides travel expenses to a maximum of $5,000 CAD. There is no additional stipend or teaching buyout provided by UBC.

The successful applicant will:

1. Demonstrate the value of their participation in the program to their academic career/the Faculty/University
2. Meet the teaching, research, and collegial needs of Ritsumeikan
3. Possess a strong record of teaching excellence
4. Demonstrate potential for intellectual engagement with colleagues at Ritsumeikan University.
Ritsumeikan Visiting Professors have included:

Dr. Donald Baker, Asian Studies – Fall Semester 2015
Dr. Kenneth Reeder, Language and Literacy Education – Spring 2014
Dr. David Anderson, Curriculum and Pedagogy – Fall 2010/11
Dr. Peter Nosco, Asian Studies – Fall 2008/09
Dr. John O’Brian, Art History, Visual Art and Theory – Fall 2007/08
Dr. Dominic Lopes, Philosophy – Fall 2006/07
Dr. Robert Cousland, Classical, Near Eastern and Religious Studies – Fall 2005/06
Dr. Millie Creighton, Anthropology and Sociology – 2004/05
Dr. Sharalyn Orbaugh, Asian Studies – 2003/04

The application deadline is June 1, 2018. All applications should include a current CV and a brief statement outlining the applicant’s academic goals should they be selected as the Ritsumeikan Visiting Professor for 2019-20. Applicants from the Faculty of Arts should consult with their academic head of unit in advance of submitting their application. Applications are adjudicated by the Academic Advisory Committee of the UBC Ritsumeikan Academic Exchange, and forwarded for approval to the Dean of the applicant’s home Faculty.

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