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Tier 1 Canada Research Chair in Theology and Ethics

The Faculty of Arts at the UBC – Vancouver campus invites applications from existing faculty members within UBC for a SSHRC Tier 1 Canada Research Chair (CRC) in Theology and Ethics. Candidates will have a PhD degree and a compelling research record that demonstrates scholarly ability in the intersections of multiple sciences within a single religious tradition and inter-religious theory and practice, as well as firm grounding in the links between religious theory and politics, community practice, and social justice. We would regard with preference those with expertise in Islam and/or Muslim social contexts. Tier 1 Chairs, tenable for seven years and renewable once, are for outstanding researchers acknowledged by their peers as world leaders in their fields.

The Faculty of Arts is a Faculty of distinction and excellence in both teaching and research and home to over twenty Canada Research Chairs across a wide range of humanities and social science units. The Faculty of Arts is currently working toward launching a new interdisciplinary program in the Study of Religion. The Chair in Theology and Ethics will be located in the Department of Asian Studies, which has become one of the leading Asian Studies programs in Canada offering intensive programs to students pursuing undergraduate, Masters, and PhD degrees. The Department currently offers over 80 courses in Asian area studies (including Asian thought, religion, history, literature) and Asian language and culture, including instruction in nine Asian languages (Cantonese, Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Hindi-Urdu, Persian, Punjabi, Sanskrit, and Tibetan). For more information about the Faculty of Arts, visit www.arts.ubc.ca and for information about the Department of Asian Studies, visit <https://asia.ubc.ca>.

The successful candidate will be an international leader in their field of research whose scholarly profile and research proposal meet the criteria of the CRC program and demonstrate an excellent fit with institutional strategic goals and the aims of the position. The Chair will be expected to maintain an outstanding program of research, to teach at the undergraduate and graduate levels, to supervise undergraduates, graduate students, and postdoctoral fellows, to contribute to service at all levels within the University and to the profession. The Chair will be expected to attract undergraduate and graduate students with interests in the study of religion and religious theory.

Applicants must meet the eligibility requirements for a Tier 1 CRC position. Tier 1 CRC nominees must be Professors or Associate Professors who are expected to be promoted to the Professor rank within one or two years of the nomination. The Canada Research Chairs Program supports outstanding researchers in areas that will further UBC's strategic research plan. All Chair nominations are subject to review and final approval by the CRC Secretariat. Please consult the Canada Research Chairs website www.chairs.gc.ca for full program information and further details on eligibility criteria.

Applications must be submitted electronically at: <https://ardo.air.arts.ubc.ca/?p=4372>. Please be prepared to upload a single bookmarked PDF file that contains the following items, in the order listed: cover letter; curriculum vitae; research proposal (max. 3 pages) for a Tier 1 CRC in Theology and Ethics; a sample of published research; statements (no longer than 1 page each) summarizing your (a) teaching philosophy/teaching practice, and (b) experience working with a diverse student body and your contributions or potential contributions to creating/advancing a culture of equity and inclusion; and evidence of teaching effectiveness. Applicants should also be prepared to provide contact information for at least four potential referees from whom confidential letters of assessment can be obtained. The closing date for applications is **April 16, 2020**. Only complete applications will be considered by the committee.

Inquiries about the position may be sent to Professor Brett Eaton at artsad.rg@ubc.ca. Nominations are subject to review by the CRC Secretariat, and appointment as a CRC is conditional upon their approval. The Chair is expected to begin **June 1, 2021**.

In assessing applications, UBC recognizes the legitimate impact that leaves (e.g., maternity leave, leave due to illness) can have on a candidate's record of research achievement. These leaves will be taken into careful consideration during the assessment process.

UBC welcomes and encourages applications from persons with disabilities. Accommodations are available on request for all candidates taking part in all aspects of the selection process. To confidentially request accommodations, please contact Professor Gillian Creese, Associate Dean Faculty and Equity at gillian.creese@ubc.ca.

The University is committed to creating and maintaining an inclusive and equitable work environment for all members of its workforce, and in particular, for its employees with disabilities. An inclusive work environment for employees with disabilities presumes an environment where differences are accepted, recognized, and integrated into current structures, planning and decision-making modes. For additional information regarding UBC's accommodation and access policies and resources (for faculty and staff as well as students), please visit the Centre for Accessibility: <https://facultystaff.students.ubc.ca/student-development-services/centre-accessibility/faculty-and-staff-disabilities>.

Equity and diversity are essential to academic excellence. An open and diverse community fosters the inclusion of voices that have been underrepresented or discouraged. 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, Métis, Inuit, or Indigenous person. All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply.

In accordance with UBC's CRC Equity, Diversity, & Inclusion Action Plan, and pursuant to Section 42 of the BC Human Rights code, the selection will be restricted to members in one or more of the following designated groups: women, visible minorities (members of groups that are racially categorized), persons with disabilities, and Indigenous Peoples. Applicants to Canada Research Chair positions are asked to complete this equity survey (https://ubc.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_6WJHol7SfPxRMu9) as part of the application process, and applicants must self-identify as belonging to one or more of the designated equity groups to be considered for the position. Because the search is limited to those self-identifying as members of designated equity groups, candidates must also provide their name when completing the equity survey in order to be considered.

Personal information is collected under the authority of sections 26(a) and 26(c) of the BC Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. The information you provide will only be used to determine whether you qualify for participation in this hiring process. Equity Survey Data will be collected by the UBC Equity & Inclusion Office and only the names of those who identify as women, visible minorities (member of groups that are racially categorized) and/or Indigenous Peoples will be shared with the search committee. Currently, UBC's CRC complement has a gap in representation of persons with disabilities. Until such time as this is remedied, the names of those self-identifying as having a disability will be provided separately to the search committee. Responses will be stored in a secure database.