

Faculty Member, Geography and Planning
Assistant Professor in Regional and Urban Planning

The Department of Geography and Planning in the College of Arts and Science at the University of Saskatchewan invites applications from qualified individuals for a full time, tenure-track position in the area of Regional and Urban Planning at the Assistant Professor level effective July 1, 2018. The successful candidate will join an established team that delivers the Canadian Institute of Planners accredited Regional and Urban Planning (RUP) program within the Department. The successful candidate will be required to: teach graduate and undergraduate courses; supervise student research projects; initiate and lead an independent research program; compete successfully for external funding to support this research program; and undertake relevant administrative activities, including meetings and committee work.

The Department currently has 13 faculty members who deliver MA, MSc, and PhD programs in three overlapping domains: hydrology, earth and environmental systems; applied and scientific geomatics; and planning and management of the built and natural environment. Four of the Department's faculty members are registered professional planners in Saskatchewan and full members of the Canadian Institute of Planners, with primary undergraduate teaching and administrative responsibility in the RUP program. This new position is intended to broaden existing planning faculty strengths. The Department has identified: computer-aided design, digital content creation, and digital and visual communication; next generation transportation planning and modeling (mobility planning, active transport) as well as city form modeling; and the application of technology in the transformation of city planning (smart cities technology, cyber cities, big data, fractal design, natural disaster risk assessment and mitigation) as possible areas of specialization of the new faculty member. We welcome applicants who work from an interdisciplinary perspective, or have an interdisciplinary background.

The Department envisages that the successful candidate will play a vital role in (i) increasing instructional capacity and range within the accredited RUP program, therefore, commitment to the long-term development and prosperity of the RUP program will be highly valued in the evaluation process; and (ii) contributing to the MA program by giving it a greater focus on the planning discipline at the graduate level. To achieve this, it is important that the successful candidate develops and maintains an efficacious, externally funded program of research and attains research intensity commensurate with Departmental standards. This position is aligned with the University's strategic priority to increase campus-wide commitment to research, scholarly and artistic work, and increasing the University's profile as a major presence in graduate education.

The College of Arts and Science offers a dynamic combination of programs in the fine arts, humanities, the social sciences, and the sciences. There are over 10,000 undergraduate and graduate students in the College and 295 faculty, including 12 Canada Research Chairs. The College emphasizes student and faculty research, scholarly and artistic work, interdisciplinary programs, community outreach and international opportunities.

The University of Saskatchewan, situated in Treaty 6 territory and the Métis homeland, is located in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, a city with a diverse and thriving economic base, a vibrant arts community and a full range of leisure opportunities. The University has a reputation for excellence in teaching, research, scholarly and artistic work, and offers a full range of undergraduate, graduate, and professional programs to a student population of over 23,000.

Qualifications:

A Ph.D. in planning or related discipline is required, as well as a degree from a professionally accredited planning program. Applicants must be a member of, or eligible for membership in, the Canadian Institute of Planners. We seek candidates who have: effective classroom teaching skills; demonstrated interest in student mentorship; an interest and ability to engage in scholarly activities as evidenced by established or developing research initiatives; a strong or emerging research program; and effective interpersonal and communication skills.

Salary and Benefits (July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2017):

Salary band: Assistant Professor: \$93,293 (floor) to \$112,109 (ceiling)

This position includes a comprehensive benefits package which includes a dental, health and extended vision care plan; pension plan, life insurance (compulsory and voluntary), academic long term disability, sick leave, travel insurance, death benefits, an employee assistance program, a professional expense allowance, and a flexible health and wellness spending program.

Application Procedure:

Applicants are invited to submit the following: a cover letter that includes: a brief statement of your teaching experience and research interests including your particular interest in the Regional and Urban planning program; a detailed curriculum vitae; a detailed teaching dossier; a detailed five-year prospective research plan; samples of recent publications; the names and contact information of three referees; and any supporting documents including proof of education, notarized and translated (English) copies of undergraduate and graduate degrees addressed to:

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All applications should be submitted in digital format to: phyllis.baynes@usask.ca. Review of applications will begin November 22, 2017; however, applications will be accepted and evaluated until the position is filled. The anticipated start date is July 1, 2018.

Helpful links:

University of Saskatchewan Vision, Mission, Values:

<https://www.usask.ca/leadershipteam/president/mission,%20vision%20and%20values.php#Whoweare>

Department of Geography and Planning:

<http://artsandscience.usask.ca/geography/>

Regional and Urban Planning Program:

<http://artsandscience.usask.ca/geography/undergraduates/regional-and-urban-planning.php>

The University of Saskatchewan is strongly committed to a diverse and inclusive workplace that empowers all employees to reach their full potential. All members of the university community share a responsibility for developing and maintaining an environment in which differences are valued and inclusiveness is practiced. The university welcomes applications from those who will contribute to the diversity of our community. All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply; however, Canadian citizens and permanent residents will be given priority.