

Department: Religious Studies
Faculty Hire Number: 22-33

Effective Date of Appointment: August 24, 2022
(Subject to Budgetary Approval)

Rank: Assistant Professor, Bhagvan Ajitnath
Endowed Professor in Jain Studies **Salary:** Dependent upon qualifications

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Position:

The department of Religious Studies at California State University, Northridge (CSUN) is seeking a tenure-track faculty member as the Bhagvan Ajitnath Endowed Professor in Jain Studies at the rank of Assistant Professor.

The successful candidate will teach a variety of lower- and upper-level undergraduate classes, including General Education courses. The successful candidate will be expected to develop and offer generalized undergraduate courses in South Asian Religions, including Jain Studies, and specialized upper-level courses in aspects of Jain Studies. We seek candidates with a wide range of research interest in Jain Studies, including Jain religion, ethics, philosophy, history and/or culture, as well as broad knowledge of South Asian religions.

In addition to teaching, the position requires weekly office hours, attending faculty meetings, and service to the department, college, and university. The successful candidate will be held to the standards and requirements of the college and department in which he/she/they is/are housed for recommending tenure and promotion.

The Bhagvan Ajitnath Endowment in Jain Studies supports this position. This Endowment will provide additional research time and support to the successful candidate, beginning at the end of the first two-year probationary period.

Required Qualifications:

As a Hispanic-serving Institution (HSI), inclusiveness and diversity are integral to CSUN's commitment to excellence in teaching, research, and engagement. As of Fall 2020, CSUN enrolls ~40,000 students, where 56% are Latinx, 20.8% are White, 9.3% are Asian American, 4.8% are Black/African American, 0.1% are Native American, and 0.1% are Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander. The successful candidate will help the Department achieve equitable outcomes for all students through teaching, student mentorship, scholarship, and service.

- A PhD in Religious Studies or equivalent related field from an accredited institution with a specialization in South Asian Religions awarded by the date of the appointment
- Potential for scholarly publications
- Ability to teach a broad range of undergraduate courses in Religious Studies
- Ability to develop undergraduate courses in Jain Studies at lower and upper levels
- Competency to effectively teach a diverse student population
- Willingness to engage in community outreach

Preferred Qualifications:

- Familiarity with at least one language of the Jain primary sources
- University-level teaching experience
- Experience engaging in community outreach

Application Deadline:

Screening of applications will begin **November 22, 2021**. Priority will be given to applicants who meet the screening deadline; however, the position will remain open until filled.

How to Apply:

Candidates should apply by completing the CSUN online application. To submit an application and for more detailed information on the application and hiring process, please visit this link: www.csun.edu/careers

Applicants must submit a cover letter, curriculum vitae, and three letters of recommendation (dated 2019 or later). Additional materials may be requested in later phases of the search process.

At time of appointment, the successful candidate, if not a U.S. citizen, must have authorization from the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) to work in the United States.

General Information:

In compliance with the Annual Security Report & Fire Safety Report of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act, California State University, Northridge has made crime-reporting statistics available on-line here. Print copies are available by request from the Department of Police Services, the Office for Faculty Affairs, and the Office of Equity and Diversity.

The person holding this position may be considered a 'mandated reporter' under the California Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting Act and is required to comply with the requirements set forth in CSU Executive Order 1083 as a condition of employment.

A background check (including a criminal records check) must be completed satisfactorily before any candidate can be offered a position with the CSU. Failure to satisfactorily complete the background check may affect the application status of applicants or continued employment of current CSU employees who apply for the position.

CSU requires faculty, staff, and students who are accessing campus facilities to be immunized against COVID-19 or declare a medical or religious exemption from doing so. Any candidates advanced in a currently open search process should be prepared to comply with this requirement. To learn more visit our Matadors Forward site: <https://www.csun.edu/matadors-forward/faculty-and-staff-fall-guidelines>.

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