

POSTDOCTORAL POSITION AT

Chester Ronning Centre for the Study of Religion and Public Life Augustana Campus

The Chester Ronning Centre seeks a Postdoctoral Fellow to contribute to the Centre's International Fellows program. The term appointment will be 12 months initially, with additional 12-month renewal dependent upon satisfactory performance. Start date will be July 1, 2018 (negotiable). The appointment comes with an annual stipend of C\$45,000 and supplemental health benefits. Canadian citizens, permanent residents, and foreign nationals are eligible for appointment. Ph.D. in religious studies or related field is required – the appointment must occur within five years from the completion of the doctoral degree. Preferred qualifications include: strong interpersonal and communication skills; experience organizing successful conference panels, symposia, or the like; and a proven publication record.

The Postdoctoral Fellow's primary task will be to organize a conference around a theme of her/his choice, and to work toward publishing and disseminating research that emerges from the conference. Conference participants should come from within and outside the academy. In addition, the Postdoc will work closely with the Centre's staff to organize public lectures, workshops, student discussion forums, and/or similar events around the same topic, which connect and engage interested persons from various arenas in the public sphere. Funding for the conference and for additional programming will be provided by the Centre. During her/his term, the Postdoc will also have the opportunity to teach at Augustana in an area related to her/his research interest.

The University of Alberta's Augustana Campus is located in Camrose, Alberta, approximately 90 kilometers southeast of Edmonton. Home to just over 1000 students, Augustana offers courses in over thirty areas of study across several bachelor's degree programs (<https://www.ualberta.ca/augustana>). The Chester Ronning Centre was established at Augustana in 2004. Its primary mandate is to facilitate interdisciplinary research, critical teaching, ethical reflection, and public programming on a range of issues in which religious communities, practices, and ideas are directly implicated, or on which thoughtful religious perspectives might be brought to bear. The Centre's International Fellows program, a new initiative, aims to convene public intellectuals that have substantial knowledge of both religious and civil perspectives on current issues (<https://www.ualberta.ca/augustana/research/centres/crc>).

To Apply:

Please send required application materials, as PDFs, to ronningcentre@ualberta.ca with the subject heading "Postdoctoral Fellow Application." Address any inquiries to the Centre's Director, Dr. Ian Wilson, iwilson@ualberta.ca. Finalists for the position will be asked to supply three reference letters.

Required Application Materials:

- Cover letter
- Curriculum vitae, including names and contact information for three referees
- 1- to 2-page proposal outlining the conference's overall theme and structure, including specific research and discussion topics, and names of potential participants (academic and otherwise)
- Writing sample (preferably a published, peer-reviewed article or book chapter)

Closing date:

March 19, 2018

The University of Alberta is committed to an equitable, diverse, and inclusive workforce. We welcome applications from all qualified persons. We encourage women; First Nations, Métis and Inuit; members of visible minority groups; persons with disabilities; persons of any sexual orientation or gender identity and expression; and all those who may contribute to the further diversification of ideas and the University to apply.