Postdoctoral Fellowship Position: Department for the Study of Religion & The Robert H.N. Ho Family Foundation Centre for Buddhist Studies

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The Department for the Study of Religion (DSR) and the Robert H. N. Ho Family Foundation Centre for Buddhist Studies (Ho Centre) at the University of Toronto invite applications from recent holders of a PhD (2018 and onward) in the Study of Religion (or cognate field) for a **postdoctoral fellowship** in the interdisciplinary field of the study of Buddhism. We welcome applications from scholars engaging in a diverse range of historical perspectives, including those working in the study of contemporary Buddhism and its intersections with race, ethnicity, gender and sexuality, and/or post-/decolonial studies. We also welcome candidates who are familiar with or willing to engage with various online, open-access content development and new media. The postdoctoral fellowship is a one-year full-time (1 FTE) position, from August 1, 2022 to July 31, 2023, with the possibility of a one-year renewal.

In addition to conducting research in their area of expertise, the responsibilities of the postdoc include: teaching 1.0 FCE (2 courses) per year in the DSR; the fellow is also expected to contribute to some of the content-development projects of the Ho Centre (pedagogy or public outreach related, etc) and to organize and host a public event/program/conference of their design in keeping with the <u>Ho Centre mission</u>. The theme and format of this event will be determined at the beginning of the Fellow's term.

The Fellow will be provided with workspace, library privileges, and full access to the university's electronic resources. Postdoctoral fellows are expected to be in residence and to contribute to the intellectual life of the DSR and the Ho Centre through active participation in seminars, workshops and other events. The Postdoctoral Fellow will be jointly supervised by the Chair of the DSR, or a faculty member appointed by the Chair according to the fellow's research area, and the Ho Centre Director.

Salary: \$62,400 (plus benefits)

Application deadline: April 8, 2022

To apply, please send your application with the following information (in a single PDF document) to Tanya Proulx, Assistant to the Chair and Office Administrator, at <u>tanya.proulx@utoronto.ca</u>:

- Statement of interest describing your professional and academic experience and specifying your proposed research project
- CV
- List of <u>DSR courses</u> you are interested in teaching, and a sample syllabus
- Teaching statement of no more than 2 pages.

• One letter of recommendation (to be sent directly to <u>tanya.proulx@utoronto.ca</u>). If candidate is currently ABD, please make sure the letter specifies a projected dissertation completion date.

Employment as a Postdoctoral Fellow at the University of Toronto is covered by the terms of the <u>CUPE 3902 Unit 5 Collective Agreement</u>. The teaching portion of the contract will be covered by <u>CUPE 9302 Unit 1 Collective Agreement</u>. The normal hours of work are 40 hours per week for a full-time postdoctoral fellow recognizing that the needs of the employee's research and training and the needs of the supervisor's research program may require flexibility in the performance of the employee's duties and hours of work. The award is open to both domestic and international candidates. Successful international candidates must meet all Canadian immigration requirements.

The Department for the Study of Religion and the Ho Centre for Buddhist Studies are located at the University of Toronto, one of the world's leading research universities. We draw faculty and students from across the world and are situated in one of the most diverse metropolitan regions in North America, on the traditional lands of the Huron-Wendat, the Seneca, and the Mississaugas of the Credit River.