

Faculty Employment Opportunity

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Location: Sonoma

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Graton Rancheria Chair in Native American Studies
(Tenured) Full Professor

Starting August 2022

The University is seeking applicants for an endowed Chair in the department of Native American Studies made possible by a generous donation by the Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria. The Purpose of the Endowed Chair is to foster understanding of the Native American cultures and communities of California in various disciplines with a special emphasis on Native American Studies. The Chair position is permanent and anticipated to start August 2022, and is combined with a permanent faculty appointment at the rank of Full Professor with tenure.

Our Commitment

Guided by our core values of diversity, sustainability, community engagement, and adaptability, Sonoma State University offers an exceptional educational experience that fosters intellectual, social, and personal growth. As the only member of the Council of Public Liberal Arts Colleges in California, we are uniquely positioned to foster ethical exploration, civic engagement, social responsibility, and global awareness combined with a solid foundation in an academic discipline. We have a strong commitment to graduating students who have the ability to think critically and communicate effectively in an ever-changing world. The unique campus culture fosters our Seawolf Commitment to integrity, respect, excellence, and responsibility and is integrated into all campus life. We nurture inclusive excellence through a celebration of the rich diversity of our local communities and our interconnected global economy. Members of the University community are expected to work effectively with faculty, staff, and students from diverse ethnic, cultural, and socioeconomic backgrounds. We are fully committed to the rights of students, staff and faculty with disabilities in accordance with applicable state and federal laws. SSU is especially interested in candidates who make contributions to equity and inclusion in the pursuit of excellence in teaching, scholarship, and service.

The University

Sonoma State University's beautiful 274-acre campus is located in Sonoma County wine country, an hour north of San Francisco. The campus offers the ideal setting for teaching and learning and access to a community of rich cultural, environmental, and recreational opportunities. Founded in 1960, Sonoma State University is one of the 23 campuses of the California State University System. As members of the largest public higher educational system in the nation, we provide accessible, high quality education to more than 9,000 students. Sonoma State University is proud to be a Hispanic Serving Institution committed to achieving

the goals of equal opportunity and endeavors to employ faculty and staff reflecting the ethnic and cultural diversity of the region and state.

Faculty Responsibilities

In addition to teaching and scholarship, faculty are expected to engage in service to the department, school, and community. Sonoma State is committed to the Teacher/Scholar model and places an emphasis on faculty support of undergraduate research. Faculty are also encouraged to participate in our distinctive, high-impact Freshman and Sophomore year programs and to foster our commitment to the [CSU Graduation Initiative 2025](#) through excellent teaching, advising, and mentoring. Potential applicants are encouraged to review the [University's Reappointment, Tenure and Promotion Policy](#). Aligned with the California Faculty Association Collective Bargaining Agreement, during the first 2 years of the probationary period the instructional assignment will be reduced by 2 courses per academic year. All faculty are required to have the ability to work effectively in a multicultural environment.

The Program

The Native American Studies Program was established in 1970 and regularly offers four to five upper and lower division courses per semester, enrolling over 200 students. The program currently offers a minor and is currently seeking to expand to a major. Prospective applicants are encouraged to peruse the program's web page at: <https://nams.sonoma.edu/>

Duties of the Position

The individual holding the Chair will normally teach two classes in Native American Studies and/or other appropriate disciplines each semester unless other activities are assigned after appropriate consultation. In addition to teaching, the professor will provide advising and mentoring, assistance with program assessment and with some administrative and/or committee work associated with campus-wide service. The faculty member is expected to establish and maintain positive involvement with the local Native American communities, and to engage in scholarly and professional activities. It is also expected that the Chair holder will have the responsibility of enhancing the national prominence of the NAMS program.

Professional Qualifications

The position requires that the candidate possess an earned doctorate with post- doctoral scholarship and /or artistic or literary achievements related to the subject of Indians of California. The faculty member is expected to be capable of teaching a wide range of topics. University level teaching experience of 6 years is a minimum requirement. We are especially interested in applicants who have a demonstrated record of expertise in Native American cultures and communities within California, with a particular emphasis on local indigenous people, their cultures, histories, values and beliefs. A distinguished record of teaching, scholarship, and service deserving of tenure is required for this appointment. Preference will be given to candidates with substantial publication records or related creative works. All candidates who meet the minimum qualifications are encouraged to apply. Preference will be given to candidates who have previous teaching experience at the undergraduate level, multi-cultural teaching and service in Native American communities.

Rank and Salary

Commensurate with Full Professor position as outlined in the CSU Salary Schedule.

Required* Application Materials

- Cover Letter*
- Curriculum Vitae*

Official transcripts will be required at the time of hire. Sonoma State University hires only individuals lawfully authorized to work in the United States. All offers of employment are contingent upon presentation of documents demonstrating the appointee's identity and eligibility to work, in accordance with the provisions of the Immigration Reform and Control Act. A background check (including a criminal records check) must be completed satisfactorily before any candidate can be offered a position with the CSU.

Application Deadline

Applications received by **January 24, 2022** will be given full consideration. The position will remain open until filled.

Questions concerning this position may be directed to:

Hollis Robbins, Dean, School of Arts and Humanities

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Questions concerning the application process may be directed to:

Academic Personnel Department

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The ADA Coordinator is also available (hrleaves@sonoma.edu) to assist individuals with disabilities in need of accommodation during the hiring process.

Other Information

The university is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer. We consider qualified applicants for employment without regard to race, religion, color, national origin, ancestry, age, sex, gender, gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, genetic information, medical condition, disability, marital status, or protected veteran status.

This position is 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.

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