

POSTDOCTORAL FELLOW IN TRANSNATIONAL ASIAN STUDIES

The Chao Center for Asian Studies (CCAS) at Rice University is currently accepting applications for the Bhagwaan Mahavir/Chao Family Postdoctoral Fellowship in Jain Studies to begin July 1, 2016 (pending funding approval). The search is open to any aspects of academic research in Jainism and the Jain communities, and applicants with a focus on transnational Jainism will be given priority. Research involving Sanskrit language(s) is also prioritized. By “transnational,” we mean an approach that devotes particular attention to the movement of people, products, ideas, beliefs, ethics, technologies, etc. across established borders and boundaries.

The annual stipend is \$50,000, with an additional \$5,000 for research and travel expenses and a one-time relocation allowance of \$3,000 will also be provided. Renewal for the second year will be contingent upon the appointee’s performance in the first year.

Applicants must have a Ph.D. degree in hand by the time of appointment in one of the following fields: Anthropology, Art History, Asian Studies, Cinema, Comparative Literature, Global Health Studies, History, Political Science, Religion, Science and Technology Studies, Sociology, or Women’s/Gender/Sexuality Studies.

Job responsibilities: (1) Teaching two classes per year, and (2) Active participation in the Center’s Transnational Asia Research Initiative (TARI) leading to one public seminar and two publishable articles per year.

The deadline to submit applications is Tuesday, March 1, 2016. The following documents are required:

- Cover letter
- Curriculum vitae
- One course proposal and sample syllabus for an undergraduate course
- Academic statement that addresses one’s research agenda and publication strategy
- Writing sample (or online site link for online publications), preferably published
- Official transcript clearly indicating conferral of a Ph.D. degree
- Three signed letters of recommendation

Applications are accepted only through Rice University’s electronic system, and complete instructions are available at <https://jobs.rice.edu/postings/search>.

Women and underrepresented minorities are especially encouraged to apply. Rice University is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer.