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Acadia University is proudly located on Mi'kma'ki, the ancestral territory of the Mi'kmaq People.

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**Department of Politics**  
**Faculty Contractually Limited Term (CLT), 5 months**

**11106 CLT 5 months (POLS1503, POLS3063, POLS4603/5603 – Fall 2022)**

The Department of Politics at Acadia University invites applicants to fill a new, five-month contractually limited term appointment in Indigenous Politics, at the rank of Assistant Professor, effective August 1, 2022.

**This is a focused hire for an Indigenous Elder, scholar, lawyer, public official, advanced-level graduate student, legal or human rights advocate, or other Indigenous person *with* lived personal/professional/community experience.**

The successful applicant will be expected to teach the following three courses: POLS 1503 – Introduction to Indigenous Politics; POLS 3063 – Indigenous Law and Governance in Canada; POLS 4603/5603 – First Nations Peoples: Law, Politics, and Policy in Canada.

The successful applicant will bring an understanding of Indigenous legal and knowledge forms in the context of the pluralist legal system that exists in Canada, either through a record of community and professional experience and/or a graduate degree in Politics, Legal Studies, Indigenous Studies, and/or an equivalent area of specialization.

The Politics Department is particularly interested in promoting community-based learning opportunities; theoretical engagement with non-Eurocentric epistemological and ontological frameworks; innovative land-based, student-centered pedagogy; and interdisciplinary connections.

While previous syllabi are available for applicants' consideration, the hiring committee is interested in hearing how applicants propose to teach each course based on their expertise, interests and pedagogical goals, recognizing that students enrolled in the courses may bring little to no knowledge to the field of study.

The selection committee appreciates that connection to family and community is fundamental to Indigenous peoples and their nations. For these reasons, remote (virtual) teaching will be considered if the successful applicant is unable to commute for in-person teaching.

**Qualifications:**

Applicants should hold a PhD (or ABD) or a completed MA in Politics, Legal Studies, Indigenous Studies or a related field, or a law degree, unless the candidate brings additional experience (e.g., as an Indigenous Elder, cultural teacher, Knowledge Keeper, or public official).

**How to Apply:**

Applicants should submit a substantive cover letter and curriculum vitae, including the names and contact information of two referees—which may include Traditional Knowledge holders and Elders—who may be contacted for references. In lieu of draft syllabi, applicants are also asked to share a description, approximately one page, about their teaching approach(es) for each of these courses as well as their experience in supporting systemic change and reconciliation.

Candidates should email their complete application package, preferably as a single PDF file, addressed to Dr. Rachel Brickner, Politics Department Chair, via [politics@acadiau.ca](mailto:politics@acadiau.ca)

If you have any questions about this position, please contact Dr. Brickner ([rachel.brickner@acadiau.ca](mailto:rachel.brickner@acadiau.ca)).

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**Closing Date: Friday, June 17, 2022**

For additional information on **Department of Politics**, please visit: <https://polisci.acadiau.ca/Home.html>

The University invites applications from all qualified individuals; however, Canadians and permanent residents will be given priority. Acadia University is committed to employment equity and diversity in the workplace and welcomes applications from Aboriginal people, African Nova Scotians, persons with disabilities, visible minorities, women, and persons of any minority sexual orientation or gender identity. Consistent with the principles of employment equity, the primary criterion for appointment to a position is qualifications and professional excellence. Candidates who identify as a member of one of the afore-mentioned groups, and who wish to have the application considered as such, are invited to submit the online [Employment Equity Voluntary Self-Identification Form](#) as part of their application package.

The university will provide support in its recruitment processes to applicants with disabilities, including accommodation that takes into account an applicant's accessibility needs. If you require accommodation because of a disability or for any other reason during the interview process, please contact:

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