

## **Sessional Instructor Opening - August 2019**

**Position Type** Term Certain < 12 months

**Education Required** PhD

The Faculty of Arts invites applications for a term certain *Sessional Instructor* position within the school of Public Policy to teach PPOL 603 – Empirical Foundations – in a block course format during the last two weeks of August 2019. Some additional time in the form of office hours for students is expected. This is a foundations course in the Master of Public Policy program and will be taught during day long sessions at the Downtown Campus.

### **Course Description**

This course covers the foundations of basic empirical analysis, including quantitative and qualitative research methods. The main statistical topics include:

- (i) Data collection (Survey and census data and where they come from). This will include issues relating to the population of interest, how to select a sample to get unbiased estimates, and how to design and implement a survey.
- (ii) Indices and percentages. Working with the data to represent relative and absolute movements.
- (iii) Data Communication. Graphing and tabular presentations of data.
- (iv) Sample statistics. How to characterize the data in terms of its central tendency, spread and the shape of its distribution
- (v) Inference. Establishing and testing hypotheses about underlying relationships in the data.

### **Requirements**

The successful candidate must have a Ph.D. in an area strongly related to Public Policy. The successful candidate must also possess a strong quantitative research record in the area of Public Policy. Demonstrated evidence of teaching excellence at the upper undergraduate and graduate level is required.

Sessional positions are offered on a per course basis. Please see The Faculty Association of the University of Calgary (TUCFA) website at <http://www.ucalgary.ca/tucfa/> for further information regarding conditions of employment and remuneration.

Applicants must submit a cover letter, up-to-date curriculum vitae, evidence of teaching effectiveness, and three written letters of reference addressed to Dr. Kevin McQuillan, Academic Director, The School of Public Policy.

Applicants may submit the required application materials electronically to [kevinmcq@ucalgary.ca](mailto:kevinmcq@ucalgary.ca) by July 31, 2019.

Application documents can also be mailed or delivered to:

The School of Public Policy  
Office of the Academic Director  
5<sup>th</sup> Floor, 906 8<sup>th</sup> Ave. SW  
Calgary AB T2P 1H9

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*All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply; however Canadians and permanent residents will be given priority. In this connection, at the time of your application, please answer the following questions: Are you a Canadian citizen or a permanent resident of Canada? (Yes/No)*