

# ASSISTANT PROFESSOR – COMMUNICATIONS AND MEDIA



For nearly a century, Providence has been a Christian academic community in the evangelical tradition that teaches people to grow in knowledge and character for leadership and service. Providence highly values community. This is evident in the ways our culturally diverse and active students and employees live and learn together. Providence infuses learning with Christian faith to form and equip students for a wide variety of vocations to participate in God's creative and redemptive work in the world.

The main Providence campus is located on the banks of the Rat River in the small town of Otterburne, Manitoba. This is 15 minutes south of Niverville, 20 minutes west of Steinbach, and 30 minutes south of Winnipeg. This rural campus is surrounded by forest, river, grassland, and agricultural land. It boasts a vibrant student life center, renovated student residences, an extensive library, and more. This campus is located on the traditional lands of the Anishinaabeg, Cree, and Métis peoples. We live together according to Treaty One. We seek to understand indigenous perspectives and the story of the land on which our campus rests.

## **POSITION OVERVIEW**

Providence University College invites applicants for one full-time, **tenure-track position as Assistant Professor of Media and Communications**. By the time of appointment, applicants must have an earned Ph.D. in communication studies, media studies, cultural studies, or a related field.

At Providence we invite, encourage, and listen carefully to different voices and opinions, all in the service of strengthening and clarifying our faith. We seek to understand myriad perspectives and challenge systems that oppress and marginalize. A candidate with a strong background in theoretical perspectives is encouraged to apply. We welcome

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applicants who have teaching/research/lived experience in one or more of the following areas: media literacy, postmodern thought, semiotics, digital culture, or popular culture. In addition to a candidate's own area of specialization, knowledge and familiarity with critical theory and its intersection with culture and faith is also important to the department.

The successful candidate will develop and contribute to the communications and media program. They will teach a variety of courses each year, mentor communication and media majors, and eventually supervise honours students. In addition to introductory communications theory, course topics could include visual communications, global journalism, a focus on various types of media (film, television, radio, etc.), and more. The successful applicant is encouraged to speak into the curriculum and the communications and media program and edit or design new courses, as needed.

As is typical within Providence, this position is predominantly a teaching-focused faculty position. Research and/or public scholarship goals are additional assets.

# **EDUCATION & QUALIFICATIONS**

The successful candidate will have:

- Earned doctorate in communication studies, media studies, cultural studies, journalism, or a related field.
- Teaching experience at the undergraduate level.
- Knowledge of pedagogical best practices for in-person courses.
- Evidence of a diversity of voices that inform their discipline.
- Capable to serve as a mentor and advisor to students.
- A record or promise of scholarly achievement
- Ability to work well with students, staff, and faculty in a collegial environment.
- An ability to integrate Christian faith and learning into all aspects of their role.

## **PERSONAL COMMITMENT**

- An enthusiastic personal Christian faith commitment
- A commitment to Christian higher education
- Support the Providence mission, vision, and values
- Affirm the Providence Statement of Faith
- Agree to abide by the Providence Covenant of Community Life

#### **WORK ARRANGEMENT**

• This is a full-time in-person, on-site position at the Otterburne campus

#### **APPLY**

To apply, submit a cover letter, CV, sample syllabus, and statement of teaching philosophy (writing sample is welcome but not required) by email to:

Catherine Rust-Akinbolaji, University College Dean c/o Marlin Reimer, Director of Human Resources: <a href="https://hr/ht

Application deadline is March 8, 2024.

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Targeted start date for this position: July 1, 2024

Consideration of applications will continue until the position is filled. All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply; however, Canadian citizens and Permanent Residents will be given priority. Applications from members of underrepresented groups are especially welcome. We thank all applicants for their interest. However, only those selected to proceed in the application process will be contacted.

Further information about Providence University College and Theological Seminary may be found at <u>prov.ca</u>.

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