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INTERDISCIPLINARY ACADEMIC PROGRAM IN RELIGIOUS STUDIES
CALLS FOR A COMPETITION TO FILL THREE PROFESSORSHIPS

The Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile has recently created an Interdisciplinary Academic Program to develop research and teaching in the field of religious studies. This program, directed by the Academic Vice Rectory, involves the Faculties of Social Sciences, Philosophy, History, Geography and Political Science, and Theology. The Program's mission is to investigate the religious phenomena from a theoretical, historical and empirical perspective. The theoretical line mainly investigates the theories on religion developed in the fields of philosophy, theology and social sciences. The historical line investigates religion in its genesis and development, paying special attention to the great religions, but also to the religions and spiritualities of the original peoples of Latin America. The empirical line investigates religion in its contemporary expressions and manifestations, using both qualitative and quantitative methodologies. These three lines converge and, thus, promote various undergraduate and graduate programs, for academic formation that favors among its students the competencies and skills necessary to recognize and critically analyze the diversity and richness of religion in the context of culture, especially in Latin America.

The professors who join this Interdisciplinary Academic Program will have a shared position between the Faculty of Theology and the Faculty closest to their previous academic development. In both faculties the professors will develop their academic activity in the field of religious studies. The primary affiliation of the professor will be in the Faculty of Theology. They shall be governed by the University's Regulations for shared vacancies, and the complementary regulations of the Faculty of Theology.

Selected professors will join the Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile, an institution committed to equal opportunities, to build an inclusive, diverse and fraternal community, and to promote the academic development of women and men.

Requirements:

- PhD in Social Sciences, Philosophy, Humanities, Theology, or related areas, specialized in religious studies.
- Verifiable experience in research, publications in theory of religion, studies of religion in historical perspective, or empirical studies (qualitative-quantitative) of the religious phenomenon.
- Ability to develop and direct interdisciplinary research projects.
- Teaching experience at the university level with excellent pedagogical evaluations.
- Fluency in Spanish and, preferably, knowledge of other languages relevant to the field of study.
- Willingness to participate in academic and administrative activities of the Interdisciplinary Academic Program in Religious Studies.
- A person of foreign nationality and applying from abroad, if selected for the position, will be required to have the corresponding visa, obtained from the consulate from the country of origin, for incorporation into the academic staff of the University.

Desired profile:

- Critical and constructive vision of religious dynamics, especially in Latin America.
- Ability to collaborate in multidisciplinary teams and contribute to the international academic debate.
- Ability to guide undergraduate and graduate theses.
- Ability to obtain research funding.
- Commitment to the identity and mission of the Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile.

Responsibilities:

- Design and implementation of undergraduate and graduate courses in the field of religious studies.
- Conduction of original research and publication of results in prestigious academic journals.
- Supervision of undergraduate and graduate theses.
- Contribution to the development of the UC Interdisciplinary Academic Program in Religious Studies and participation in its activities.

Background to apply (in Spanish or English, PDF format):

1. Preferred line of research and teaching to which you are applying: theoretical, historical, empirical.
2. Research program (2 pages): indicating short- and long-term objectives, topics and methodologies for your research program, as well as detailing potential collaboration networks with other researchers in Chile and abroad.
3. Teaching program (2 pages): describing possible courses in the field of religious studies that could be of interest in undergraduate and graduate programs.
4. Curriculum vitae, organized as follows:
 - i. Personal background: name, contact e-mail and website (if applicable).
 - ii. Education: list of academic and professional degrees, indicating the institutions that granted them and the dates of issuance (attach copies of academic certificates).
 - iii. Research:
 - a) Participation in research projects, explaining their level of participation (PI, co-PI, etc.), start and end dates, and institution.
 - b) Complete list of publications (WoS, SCOPUS, and others), book chapters, and books. Attach a copy of the three most relevant publications, indicating their impact in the field of applied religious studies.
 - c) Teaching experience, indicating the institution, subject, date and participation (professor in charge, co-responsible, invited, etc.).
 - d) Other: awards, scholarships, computer skills, languages or other information considered relevant to your application.
5. In addition, applicants must request three letters of recommendation, which will be sent directly by the sender to Prof. Joaquín Silva (jsilvas@uc.cl).

Receipt of applications:

- Those interested should send their application dossier to the following email: Prof. Joaquín Silva (jsilvas@uc.cl).
- Personal interviews and class tests may be requested as part of the selection process.
- Inquiries: Prof. Joaquín Silva (jsilvas@uc.cl)
- Deadline to send applications: September 15, 2024, 17:00 hrs.