

## Political Science: Teaching Faculty Lecturer in International Security, Defence & Diplomacy, with support for the NATO Field School

The Department of Political Science invites applications for a continuing Lecturer position in **Defence, Diplomacy, and International Security**. This position will provide teaching and support to the [NATO Field School](#) (NFS) and contribute to the development of a Security and Defence Engagement program. In addition, the candidate will teach core courses and/or courses in their areas of expertise. The position will start when filled; preferred starting date is January 2024.

We seek candidates who have a strong background in Defense, Diplomacy, and/or International Security as well as outstanding teaching skills in a diversity of classroom settings. Relevant experiences in experiential learning (hands-on learning, field exercises, summer schools, simulations, case studies, role-play exercises, peer group learning, etc.) are an asset.

The successful candidate will collaborate with the NFS Director in preparing and teaching the NFS. The NFS is a growing teaching and engagement endeavour with an emphasis on professional placement of its graduates.

### Duties

As per the SFUFA Collective Agreement, the standard course load for Teaching Faculty at SFU varies by rank. Lecturers typically teach an equivalent of eight courses annually. This position will likely be paired with an additional service role – involving logistical and administrative tasks to support the NFS – which may reduce the overall teaching load based on the level of support during their appointment in as the NATO FS administrator. It is expected that the successful candidate will contribute to the Department, Faculty, University and to the academic profession through service.

### Required Qualifications

- The chosen candidate must hold a PhD in Political Science or in a related field, with teaching experience in Defence, Diplomacy, and/or International Security. Candidates with firm defence dates by Spring 2024 may be considered
- Candidates are expected to show excellence in teaching large classes

### Desirable Qualifications

The following attributes will be considered as additional assets for the position:

- Academic expertise in the following areas: NATO; international institutions; diplomacy and negotiations; North American security and defence; Indo-Pacific security and defence; alliances and multilateral security cooperation; Canadian foreign policy; cyber information warfare and artificial intelligence.
- Teaching experience in experiential and engagement courses, including field schools and security simulations for university students.

- Professional experience in defence or international relations
- Research experience and related publications that can inform teaching and enhance the classroom/field school experience is an asset

Candidates must submit the following documents in a single PDF to [pol\\_apply@sfu.ca](mailto:pol_apply@sfu.ca):

- Cover letter, including academic interests
- Curriculum vitae
- Teaching portfolio demonstrating teaching excellence in experiential learning and simulations
- List of three possible referees, to be contacted if the candidate is short-listed
- Statement on equity, diversity, and inclusion (optional)

Complete applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis as they are received starting 15 September 2023. The deadline to apply is 1 October 2023. Short-listed candidates will be contacted to have three letters of reference forwarded directly to the department.

Simon Fraser University is an institution whose strength is based on our shared commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion. Diversity is an underlying principle of our Strategic Vision, which pledges SFU to “foster a culture of inclusion and mutual respect, celebrating the diversity reflected among its students, faculty, staff, and our community.” SFU is committed to ensuring that no individual is denied access to employment opportunities for reasons unrelated to ability or qualifications. Consistent with this principle, SFU will advance the interests of underrepresented members of the work force, including Indigenous peoples, persons with disabilities, racialized persons, and women; embrace gender and sexual diversity; ensure that equal opportunity is afforded to all who seek employment at the University; and treat all employees equitably. Candidates that belong to underrepresented groups are particularly encouraged to apply.

SFU is consistently ranked among the top comprehensive universities in Canada and was recently ranked in the top 50 in the world for engaged research. The Department of Political Science at SFU has a growing number of faculty in diverse fields and is strongly supportive of faculty members’ strengths, interests, and career progress. The department strongly believes in methodological pluralism. More information about the department and the university can be found on our website: <http://www.sfu.ca/politics.html>. The campus is located on Burnaby Mountain in Greater Vancouver. Vancouver is a scenic waterfront city located minutes from the mountains and a wide range of outdoor activities. It has a reputation as a clean, safe, multicultural, and ethnically diverse city and is one of the very top cities in the world in which to live and work.

All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply; however, Canadian citizens and permanent residents will be given priority. This position is subject to the availability of funding.

Under the authority of the University Act, personal information that is required by the University for academic appointment competitions will be collected. For further details, refer to the [Collection Notice](#).

Please submit all inquiries and application materials to [pol\\_apply@sfu.ca](mailto:pol_apply@sfu.ca)