

# UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, SANTA CRUZ

## THE SARBJIT SINGH AURORA ENDOWED CHAIR IN SIKH AND PUNJABI STUDIES

### Advanced Assistant Professor to Full Professor

The [Humanities Division](#) of the University of California, Santa Cruz, invites applications for the newly created Sarbjit Singh Aurora Endowed Chair in Sikh and Punjabi Studies. The Endowed Chair, established in memory of the donor's son, will be held by a distinguished member of the humanities faculty and will support research and teaching about the Sikh community from a multicultural and global perspective, including, but not limited to foci on gender, diaspora, and literary, historical, and cultural studies. Candidates may work in any field in the humanities and will be appointed in the department or departments that best match their research and teaching expertise. We will consider applicants at any rank from advanced assistant to full professor (although the finalist must first receive tenure in order to be actually named as Chair holder). This position carries a five-course equivalency workload, which normally means teaching four courses over three quarters and carrying out other academic and service responsibilities. The holder of the Sarbjit Singh Aurora Endowed Chair also will work with the relevant department and the Humanities Division to administer the endowment funds. These funds will be available to support graduate students, the Chair holder's research, and other intellectual and curricular initiatives that specifically further Sikh and Punjabi studies.

The [Division of Humanities](#) includes the Departments of [American Studies](#), [Feminist Studies](#), [History](#), [History of Consciousness](#), [Linguistics](#), [Literature](#), [Philosophy](#), and the Programs in [Languages](#) and [Writing](#). The Division has a strong tradition of collaborative and interdisciplinary work, and we especially encourage applications from strongly qualified candidates eager to extend their teaching and research activities across departmental and disciplinary boundaries. The campus is especially interested in candidates who can contribute to the diversity and excellence of the academic community through their research, teaching, and service.

**RANK:** Advanced Assistant Professor (tenure-track) OR Associate Professor (tenured) OR Full Professor (tenured)

**SALARY:** Commensurate with qualifications and experience

**MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:** Applicant must have a Ph.D. or equivalent in a humanistic discipline, demonstrated excellence in research productivity and in teaching, and, at the most senior level, a record of administrative experience.

**POSITION AVAILABLE:** July 1, 2009

**TO APPLY:** Applicants must submit a letter of application which describes their research and teaching interests, a curriculum vitae, three current (2006 to present) letters of recommendation\*, a writing sample (up to 3 items), course syllabi, and, if possible, a summary of student evaluations. Applicants are invited to submit a statement addressing their contributions to diversity through their research, service, and/or teaching. These materials should be sent to:

Sikh/Punjabi Studies Search Committee  
Department of History  
University of California  
1156 High Street  
Santa Cruz, CA 95064

**Please refer to position #547-09 in your reply.**

*\*All letters will be treated as confidential documents; please direct your references to UCSC's confidentiality statement at [http://apo.ucsc.edu/academic\\_policies\\_and\\_procedures/cappm/confstm.htm](http://apo.ucsc.edu/academic_policies_and_procedures/cappm/confstm.htm)*

**CLOSING DATE:** The position will remain open until filled, but in order to be considered at the initial screening, applications must be received by Friday, December 12, 2008.

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Inquiries regarding the University's equal employment opportunity policies may be directed to: Equal Employment Opportunity/Affirmative Action Office at the University of California, Santa Cruz, CA 95064; (831) 459-2686. Under Federal law, the University of California may employ only individuals who are legally able to work in the United States as established by providing documents as specified in the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986.

If you need assistance due to a disability please contact the Academic Personnel Office at 499 Clark Kerr Hall (831) 459-4300. This position description is available in alternate formats, which may be requested from Academic Personnel at (831) 459-4300.