

FINAL ANNOUNCEMENT/SWAMI VIVEKANANDA CHAIR

The University of Chicago is pleased to announce the establishment of "The Indian Ministry of Culture Vivekananda Chair," a visiting professorship that will allow the University to welcome a senior scholar of significant academic distinction in a field of study promoted by Swami Vivekananda. The holder of this distinguished Chair will remain in residence for one quarter of the academic year to teach, conduct research, and engage with the intellectual community of the University.

The Chair is made possible by a generous grant from the Ministry of Culture, Government of India, and is intended to honor the life and legacy of Swami Vivekananda by promoting the fields of study most relevant to his teachings and philosophies, such as human values, Indian philosophy, and movements for social change. The Chair is also intended to further the study of Indian culture in the United States; to advance the understanding of the history, culture and people of India; to create more knowledge about Indian society; and to instruct new generations of students.

The Committee on Southern Asian Studies at the University of Chicago welcomes suggestions of candidates whose research work falls into one or more of the fields of study most relevant to the teachings and legacy of Swami Vivekananda (human values, social change, and Indian philosophy), and who possess demonstrated records of scholarly excellence and pedagogical accomplishment. Each incumbent will ideally hold the position for a period of two years, returning each year for one quarter. In addition to the expected academic activities on campus, the holder will give each year a public presentation on a topic that exemplifies, honors, and promotes the legacy of Swami Vivekananda.

Support for the position includes salary, travel costs, local accommodation, and coverage of expenses connected with the annual presentation.

To nominate an interested or proposed candidate, please send a letter giving the nominee's name and field of study and explaining the nominee's scholarly eminence.

To directly apply for the position, please send a cover letter explaining the field of study and interest, together with a CV.

Nominations or applications should be sent by email to The University of Chicago Indian Ministry of Culture Vivekananda Chair Search Committee at the following address:

vivekananda@uchicago.edu

Submissions should, wherever possible, be in the form of a single PDF document.

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