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Teaching Consultant (2 posts) in Common Core Curriculum (Ref.: 20100313)

Applications are invited for appointments as Teaching Consultants in the Common Core Curriculum in the Faculty of Science, from September 1, 2010 or as soon as possible thereafter, on a two-year fixed-term basis, with the possibility of renewal.

The University of Hong Kong has established a Common Core Curriculum for all undergraduates to begin in September 2012. The Faculty of Science will be offering courses in the area of Scientific and Technology Literacy to students from all ten Faculties. Some of the Common Core courses will be offered to freshmen on a pilot basis from 2010-2011 onwards. A senior professor in the Faculty of Science will lead the teaching of these courses and work with the Teaching Consultants in the relevant area who will serve primarily as a tutor for small groups of students from multiple disciplines. The medium of instruction is English. Information about the Common Core Curriculum can be viewed at http://tl.hku.hk/common-core-curriculum.

Applicants should have a Master's degree in one of the following fields: Physical Sciences, Biological Sciences, Mathematics or Statistics, and substantial teaching experience at university level related to general education. Those with a Ph.D. degree would have an advantage. The appointees' duties include conducting small-group tutorials for two courses per semester, marking assignments/examination scripts, preparing teaching materials, supervising student work, developing new courses, and undertaking other tasks related to science education. They will meet regularly with the Centre for the Enhancement of Teaching and Learning to reflect on and refine the teaching activities in Common Core courses.

The annual salary will range between HK\$424,980 – 661,980 (subject to review from time to time at the entire discretion of the University) (approximately US\$1 = HK\$7.8). A highly competitive salary commensurate with qualifications and experience will be offered. At current rates, salaries tax does not exceed 15% of gross income. The appointment will attract a contract-end gratuity and University contribution to a retirement benefits scheme, totalling up to 15% of basic salary, as well as leave, and medical/dental benefits.

For enquiries of the specific job requirements, please write to Professor Sun Kwok, Dean of Science (e-mail: deansci@hku.hk). Applicants should submit an application form (152/708), together with a curriculum vitae and a statement on teaching philosophy, which includes a portfolio of syllabi and descriptions of courses they have taught or co-taught. They should also arrange for submission of three references from senior academics who are familiar with their teaching approaches, skills and experience. Further particulars and application forms (152/708) can be obtained at http://www.hku.hk/apptunit/; or from the Appointments Unit (Senior), Human Resource Section, Registry, The University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong (fax: (852) 2540 6735 or 2559 2058; e-mail: senrappt@hku.hk). Closes August 31, 2010. Candidates who are not contacted within 3 months of the closing date may consider their applications unsuccessful.

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