

Pacific Theological College (Suva, Fiji Islands)

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Faculty Vacancy: Department of Biblical Studies

The Pacific Theological College (Suva, Fiji Islands) seeks to recruit a **full-time faculty member to teach Old Testament and Hebrew**, ideally to begin work either in early September 2014 or in mid- to late January 2015, on a four-year contract (potentially renewable). The job level is open: Lecturer / Senior Lecturer / Associate Professor / Professor. Internal promotion is possible at a later date.

The post is open to qualified women and men of any age, whether ordained or not. We are particularly (but not exclusively) interested in applications from qualified Pacific Islanders and / or women.

PTC is a regional, ecumenical theological college offering theological education primarily for Pacific Islanders, covering the full spectrum of academic programmes from pre-degree Certificates to the PhD degree, including distance education at pre-degree and degree level. The medium of instruction is English, though most staff and students use it as a second or third language. For more information on the College, see our website (www.ptc.ac.fj).

Average workload: 6-7 hours of classroom-based teaching per half-semester, plus marking of assessed work, supervision of thesis students, course-writing for our distance education unit, and some administrative and committee duties. See also the 'Academic Expectations' document on our website: http://ptc.ac.fj/?page_id=621

- **Deadline for Applications: 5 June 2014.**
- Please address **formal applications** to: The Principal, Rev. Prof. Feleterika Nokise (servant@ptc.ac.fj), with a copy to the Academic Dean (details below).
- For **informal inquiries**, please contact: The Academic Dean, Prof. Holger Szesnat, hszesnat@ptc.ac.fj
- **Formal applications must include:**
 - a full academic CV;
 - copies of academic degree awards and transcripts;
 - two examples of academic research publications (if applicable);
 - a letter of application explaining the applicant's motivation / interest in working at PTC.
 - In the case of *ordained members of Pacific Island churches*, there should also be a letter from an authorised member of the leadership of that church (e.g., general secretary) in support of the application.
 - Due to immigration regulations, all *applicants who are not citizens of Fiji* must also include
 - two passport-type photographs;
 - a new medical certificate concerning general health (less than two months old), using the format used in current work permit application form for Fiji;
 - a new police clearance certificate (less than two months old) from any country that the applicant has lived in for 12 months or more during the past 10 years.

Job Criteria: Essential Characteristics

- Ph.D. or equivalent in Old Testament / Hebrew Bible.
- Willingness and ability to teach across the full spectrum of Old Testament / Hebrew Bible Studies, as well as introductory to intermediate Hebrew.
- Willingness and ability to teach and supervise in the full range of PTC academic programmes, from pre-degree Certificates up to and including PhD level.
- Willingness to participate in general academic skills teaching, if required.
- Teaching experience at tertiary level (full-time or part-time).
- Willingness, ability, and commitment to contribute to writing and revision of PTC's distance-education courses.
- Willingness and demonstrable ability to do and to continue research and publications.
- Basic competence in word-processing (e.g., 'Microsoft Office/Word' or 'LibreOffice').
- Sensitivity and openness to the cultural contexts of the Pacific Islands.
- Willingness to teach and learn as part of the broader theological orientation of the curriculum.
- Openness to ecumenism and contextual approaches.
- Willingness and ability to tailor teaching and learning to the needs and contexts of Pacific Island cultures and societies.
- Willingness to participate fully in community life, including worship.
- Flexibility to explore educational models outside of the traditional classroom model, if and where required.
- Willingness to work creatively as a member of the faculty team.
- Commitment to a four-year contract (renewable if mutually desired).
- Willingness to support the mission statement, doctrinal basis, purposes and objectives of the College (see http://ptc.ac.fj/wp/?page_id=77). Faculty members are formally inducted into their post in a College service, during which they must be able to affirm their faith, including a trinitarian confession.

Job Criteria: Desirable Characteristics

- Willingness and ability to teach outside of specialisation field, if required (e.g., New Testament; introductory Greek; social analysis; preaching).
- Publications in recognised academic contexts, especially in peer-reviewed contexts.
- Experience of teaching and learning outside of a 'Western' context, especially a Pacific Island context.

What PTC Offers

- Annual gross salary of F\$37.200 (Lecturer) or 43.400 (Senior Lecturer), or 49.600 (Associate Professor), or 55.800 (Professor), and, **in addition**:
- Free, fully furnished housing on PTC's 'garden campus'.
- Return air passage for the faculty member, spouse, and dependent children.
- Handling of Fiji immigration fees and processes for the faculty member, spouse, and dependent children.
- Free household goods shipping for the faculty member, spouse, and dependent children at the beginning and end of the contract period.
- Free local health care scheme for faculty member and family.
- Employer's contribution to the Fiji National Providence Fund.
- Personal office with computer, printer, and internet access.

- A growing library collection (30.000+ books) for teaching and research, with access to the ATLAS full-text electronic journals collection.
- Teaching faculty members who renew their four-year contract are entitled to three months paid home leave (free air transport to home country) and, upon application, a further three-month sabbatical for research.
- A vibrant, ecumenical, international, yet strongly Pacific Island community context.
- A beautiful campus in walking distance from one of the most cosmopolitan city centres in the South Pacific.
- A collegial, supportive work atmosphere.
- 30 days annual leave, plus about two to three weeks College leave around the Christmas feast.
- A kindergarten is located on campus. Various primary and secondary schools are located in the vicinity of the College, and throughout Suva.
- Spouses and dependant children of Faculty members study tuition-free at the College.