



Position: Dual Appointment: Core Faculty (open rank) and Director of Assessment and Accreditation

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The Institute of Buddhist Studies invites applications for a full-time joint administrative and faculty appointment to support the Institute's academic program and serve as Director of Assessment and Accreditation. Candidates should hold a PhD in Buddhist Studies, Asian studies, or related and relevant disciplines and have extensive administrative, assessment, and accreditation experience. Area of expertise is open; the candidate should have some familiarity with Japanese or East Asian Buddhism more generally. Full time-faculty are ordinarily required to teach two graduate level courses per semester; as this is a dual administrative appointment, there will be a reduction in course load to one to two courses per academic year. Faculty are expected to serve as academic advisors and on institutional and faculty committees, pursue their own research agenda, and have the opportunity to participate in the doctoral program at the Graduate Theological Union. Faculty report to the Dean of the Institute of Buddhist Studies.

As Director of Assessment and Accreditation (DAA), the successful candidate will serve as the Institute's Accreditation Liaison Officer (ALO) and Director of Institutional Research. As ALO, the DAA will be the primary contact with the IBS's accreditor (WSCUC), organize reaccreditation visits, and prepare annual reports. The DAA is responsible for the collection, analysis, and use of institutional data for planning, assessment, and decision-making. Working with the academic Dean and Core Faculty, the DAA will develop an assessment and program review process and share collected data and reports with relevant stakeholders in support of continually improving IBS's academic programs. The position requires a strong background in research methodologies, data management, and a deep understanding of higher education.

This is an open-rank appointment, depending on the successful candidate's prior experience, with a tentative start date of September 1, 2024. Faculty are eligible for health insurance and annual professional travel and research funds.

Application materials — including CV, a cover letter introducing the candidate and their background relevant to the position, and a teaching statement — are due by July 31. Candidates

should be prepared for Zoom interviews during the first two weeks of August. Prior to appointment, letters of reference, published or in-progress work, or other materials may be requested. Application materials should be submitted directly to Scott Mitchell via email at scott@shin-ibs.edu.

About the Institute of Buddhist Studies: founded by Nisei Japanese American Buddhists in 1949 and incorporated as the Institute of Buddhists Studies in 1966, IBS is a Buddhist seminary and graduate school that prepares students for careers in Buddhist ministry, chaplaincy, and further academic study at the doctoral level. With our foundations in the Japanese Buddhist tradition, IBS's programs cover the breadth of the Buddhist tradition across Asia and modern world. Accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges, and affiliated with the Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley, CA, IBS is grounded in the critical academic study of Buddhism. The Institute is thus located at the intersection of the scholarly and practitioner communities with a commitment to racial, gender, academic, and Buddhist diversity.