

THE HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY

DEPARTMENT OF CHINESE AND BILINGUAL STUDIES

Post Specification

Instructor in Chinese (Ref. 19032112)

The Department of Chinese and Bilingual Studies is one of the constituent departments of the Faculty of Humanities. One of the core missions of the Department of Chinese and Bilingual Studies is to promote and develop studies of Chinese in multilingual contexts and studies of multilingualism in Chinese contexts. It has built a reputation in Applied Chinese Language Studies, and seeks to extend its strength in areas like Bilingualism (including Translation and Interpreting), Intercultural Communication and East Asian Studies. Another mission of the Department is to offer profession-oriented programmes that meet the career aspirations of young adults in Hong Kong and elsewhere in Greater China. It offers bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degree programmes in Chinese Linguistics, Chinese Language Teaching, Speech Therapy, Teaching Chinese as a Foreign Language, Translating & Interpreting, and Bilingual Corporate Communication. It also offers courses in Korean/Japanese language and culture at bachelor's level. Within the Department, there is a Centre for Translation Studies, a PolyU-PekingU Research Centre on Chinese Linguistics, a Speech Therapy Unit, and a Chinese Language Centre which provides training in Chinese language and Putonghua for the whole University. The Department has over 90 full-time academic and teaching staff members. More information about the CBS Department may be found at <http://www.cbs.polyu.edu.hk/>.

Duties

The appointee will be required to:

- (a) use Putonghua to teach Chinese subjects of different levels and formats to students from various disciplines including non-native speakers;
- (b) assist in curriculum design and development;
- (c) engage in scholarly activities in his/her area of expertise;
- (d) undertake administrative duties in academic and departmental affairs; and
- (e) perform any other duties as assigned by the Head of Department or his/her delegates.

Qualifications

Applicants should:

- (a) have a master's degree in Chinese Language or Chinese Literature plus at least one year of post-qualification tertiary teaching experience;
- (b) have an excellent command of written Chinese with proficiency in Putonghua (at least B2 level in Putonghua Shuiping Ceshi [PSC] or equivalent);

(c) possess effective classroom teaching skills; and

(d) have a strong commitment to excellence in teaching and professional service.

Preference may be given to those with relevant teaching experience in Chinese/Putonghua at tertiary level and the ability to use English as a medium of instruction and as a working language.

Remuneration and Conditions of Service

A highly competitive remuneration package will be offered. Initial appointment will be on a fixed-term gratuity-bearing contract. Re-engagement thereafter is subject to mutual agreement. Applicants should state their current and expected salary in the application.

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