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**DEPARTMENT OF ASTRONOMY AND PHYSICS
SESSIONAL APPOINTMENT**

The Department of Astronomy and Physics at Saint Mary's University invites applications for an eight-month sessional position in Astronomy and Physics at the rank of Assistant Professor. The anticipated start date is September 1st, 2018, and the end date is April 30th, 2019. The Department is particularly interested in applicants qualified to teach core areas of theoretical and experimental Physics up to the 3rd year level, and Astronomy up to the 2nd year level. The successful candidate will possess at least an M.Sc. in a related field and a Ph.D. is viewed favourably, and will be committed to excellence in teaching at the undergraduate level. The teaching load is six courses (usually, but not necessarily, three per semester) for a faculty member with an M.Sc. as their highest degree, and five courses for a faculty member with a Ph.D.

Saint Mary's University identifies *astronomy, computational sciences, and subatomic physics* collectively as one of its five major research themes. The Department of Astronomy and Physics is the centre for astronomy research in Atlantic Canada, and consists of ten full-time faculty members, all with active research efforts in observational astronomy, theoretical and computational astrophysics, and experimental subatomic physics. The Department offers B.Sc. Major and Honours programs in Astrophysics and in Physics as well as M.Sc. and Ph.D. programs in Astronomy and in Applied Science. For a more complete account of Department activities, please see: <http://www.ap.smu.ca>.

Saint Mary's is located in the historic port city of Halifax, Nova Scotia, a vibrant, urban community of over 350,000 people that is a major educational and economic centre for Atlantic Canada and is home to five universities. The city is conveniently located close to recreational areas and major urban centres in Canada and the northeastern United States. A public university with over 7,000 students, Saint Mary's offers a variety of undergraduate and graduate degree programs. The University has gone through significant renewal in the past decade and has over 250 full-time faculty involved in innovative teaching, research, and service. For more information about the University and the Faculty of Science, please see: <http://science.smu.ca/>.

Saint Mary's University hires on the basis of merit and is committed to the principles of employment equity. Saint Mary's University encourages applications from qualified women, visible minorities, Aboriginal people, and people with disabilities. All applicants will receive a self-identification form for confidential submission to our Equity Office. In keeping with Citizenship and Immigration Canada requirements, all qualified persons are invited to apply; however, preference will be given to Canadian citizens and permanent residents. The Search Committee encourages applicants to highlight any involvement in enhancing diversity and inclusion.

The search committee will begin reviewing applications on June 24th, 2018. Applications should include a cover letter specifically addressing the applicant's interest in working at Saint Mary's University and detailing the applicant's scholarly research interests; a CV; a teaching dossier (including a teaching philosophy statement, and any evidence of teaching effectiveness); a research plan; as well as the names and contact information of three references. Please arrange for the three recommendation letters to be sent directly to the address below.

Applications should be sent via e-mail, as a single PDF file, to: search@ap.smu.ca.

Applications may also be sent via mail to: Dr. Ian Short, Chairperson, Department of Astronomy and Physics, Saint Mary's University, 923 Robie Street, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada, B3H 3C3.

Any inquiries may be sent to: search@ap.smu.ca.