



**Position: Lecturer – Buddhist Japanese**

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The Institute of Buddhist Studies invites applications for an online lecturer in Buddhist Japanese. As part of the Institute's commitment to Buddhist education at the graduate level, we offer a four-semester sequence of online courses intended to introduce students to the Japanese language with an emphasis on reading competency focused on Buddhist terms and texts. The first semester of this sequence assumes students have minimal prior experience with Japanese and thus introduces students to basic grammar, kana, and kanji. Subsequent semesters increase students' reading capacity, building toward an introduction to classical Japanese in the fourth semester. These courses support IBS's existing degree program students as well as the broader community of Buddhist practitioners interested in expanding their knowledge of Buddhism and Japanese Buddhist terminology. The successful candidate should have at minimum a master's degree in an appropriate field and demonstrated prior experience teaching Japanese and/or Buddhist studies.

This is an adjunct, contract position with a possibility for advancement. Prior syllabi and course materials will be provided to the successful candidate, though they are free to edit or expand on these materials as appropriate. The courses will be hosted via the Moodle course management system, and faculty have access to institutional Zoom accounts and other online pedagogy tools. In addition to per-course compensation, support for course development may be available, funding permitting. Adjunct faculty report directly to the Dean of Students and Faculty Affairs and are invited to participate in the community life of the Institute.

Application materials — including CV with teaching experience and a cover letter introducing the candidate and their background relevant to the position — are due by April 1. Prior to appointment, letters of reference or other materials may be requested. Application materials should be submitted directly to Scott Mitchell, Dean, via email at [scott@shin-ibs.edu](mailto:scott@shin-ibs.edu).