The Centre for Comparative Literature and the Department of Slavic Languages and Literatures at the University of Toronto invite applications for a tenure stream position in Comparative Literature and Russian Literature, at the rank of Associate Professor. The appointment will commence on January 1, 2018.

We are looking for a candidate with strong research and teaching interests in the area of late Soviet literature and culture, with a focus on the theorizing of dissident Samizdat literature, including that produced by Jewish writers. Interest and expertise in Jewish communities, identities and activism in a late and post Soviet context would also be an asset. The successful candidate will have a significant background in the digital humanities, and a broadly comparative cross cultural approach in a range of non-literary media, including visual art. The successful candidate will also have a significant background in Russian and other literary theory.

Candidates must hold a Ph.D. in Comparative Literature or Slavic Literature. They must have demonstrated excellence in both teaching and research. Evidence of excellence in teaching will be demonstrated by strong endorsements from referees, teaching evaluations, statement of teaching philosophy, and dossier and/or syllabi submitted as part of the application. The successful candidate must be able to teach a wide range of courses from the introductory to the advanced levels, at both the undergraduate and graduate levels. The successful candidate will teach graduate seminars at the Centre for Comparative Literature and the Department of Slavic Languages and Literatures, and undergraduate courses in the interdisciplinary Literature and Critical Theory Program at Victoria College in the University of Toronto and in the Department of Slavic Languages and Literatures.

The candidate will be expected to conduct innovative research at the highest international level. Strong evidence of excellence in research is required, demonstrated by publication of at least one monograph with a leading university press as well as articles in internationally significant journals relevant to the field, presentations at significant conferences, strong endorsement by academic referees, and the quality of an academic writing sample.
Salary will be commensurate with qualifications and experience.

All qualified candidates are invited to apply online by clicking the link below. Applications should include a cover letter, curriculum vitae, a sample of academic writing consisting of one essay or one chapter-length piece, a research statement, and a teaching dossier. Questions about the position should be addressed to the Chair of the Search Committee, Professor Jill Ross, Director, Centre for Comparative Literature or to the Business Officer of the Centre for Comparative Literature, Ms. Aphrodite Gardner. Submission guidelines can be found at: http://uoft.me/how-to-apply. We strongly recommend combining documents into one or two files in PDF/MS format. Applicants should also ask three referees to send letters, signed and on letterhead, directly to the Centre for Comparative Literature via email to jill.ross@utoronto.ca by October 10, 2017.

The University of Toronto is strongly committed to diversity within its community, and especially welcomes applications from racialized persons/persons of colour, women, indigenous / Aboriginal People of North America, persons with disabilities, LGBTQ persons, and others who may contribute to the further diversification of ideas.

As part of your application, you will be asked to complete a Diversity Survey. This survey is voluntary. Any information directly related to you is confidential and cannot be accessed by search committees or human resources staff. Results will be aggregated for institutional planning purposes. For more information, please see http://uoft.me/UP. All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply; however, Canadians and permanent residents will be given priority.