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A N N O U N C E M E N T

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THE UNIVERSITY OF GUAM SOLICITS APPLICATIONS TO ESTABLISH A LIST OF ELIGIBLES FOR THE FOLLOWING POSITION (TENURE/NON-TENURE TRACK APPOINTMENT, FULL-TIME, SUBJECT TO THE AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS):

#059-25 ASSISTANT PROFESSOR TO ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR (MICRONESIAN SEAFARING)

Location:

Richard Flores Taitano Micronesian Area Research Center (RFT MARC)

University Information:

The University of Guam is the premier institution of higher education in the Western Pacific. It is a land-grant, a sea-grant, and a space-grant institution, accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges Senior Commission. Located in the village of Mangilao on the island of Guam, the campus overlooks the beautiful Pago Bay and the University's world-class Marine Laboratory and Water and Environmental Research Institute of the Western Pacific. The University has 3,400 students, 47% of Asian ethnicity and 45% of Pacific Islander ancestry, providing a uniquely diverse campus and multicultural atmosphere. As a regional, comprehensive, open-admissions institution, the University awards degrees at the certificate, baccalaureate, and master's levels through its two colleges and four professional schools. The institution's mission of Ina (to Enlighten), Diskubre (to Discover), Setbe (to Service) serve as the foundation for the institution's Tulos Mo'na strategic plan, with its vision to transform lives and advance communities as a land-grant, a sea-grant, and a space-grant university. One of the university's key strategic initiatives is to be recognized as a research university centered in Island Wisdom. Island Wisdom acknowledges that Pacific ways of knowing and Western models of higher education are central to the institution's teaching, research, and service endeavors, and that balanced consideration of the ideas that emerge from them is essential to the prosperity and sustainability of island communities. Through its robust research portfolio fueled by extramural funding from competitive grants and contracts, the University delivers public value through dedicated and capable administration, faculty, students, and staff. As a complement to the research carried out at the institution, the University of Guam has an active press dedicated to publishing research and writing about Guam and Micronesia. A variety of publishing opportunities are available to UOG faculty, employees, students, and members of the communities we serve through the University of Guam Press. UOG is a safe and secure campus, where the institution places paramount importance on the physical, intellectual, emotion, and spiritual wellbeing of its students and employees. It fosters open dialogue and collegiality based upon mutual respect for diverse perspectives. The university has enacted processes to ensure the physical safety of the campus (most recent information may be accessed at <https://www.uog.edu/safety-security/>) and a policy that encourages open dialogue and respect for all points of view. Community responsive academic programs, robust research agenda, ample publishing opportunities, and commitment to community make the University of Guam an exciting place to be for many years to come.

General Description:

The University of Guam is looking for an individual who is interested in new challenges and opportunities for professional and personal growth. This position calls for someone who is self-motivated and adaptable, intelligent, possesses a global vision and who is interested in working in a dynamic, multicultural institution.

Unit Description:

The Richard Flores Taitano Micronesian Area Research Center (RFT MARC) is a premier center for social sciences and humanities research in the Western Pacific and a major resource related to Guam and Micronesia. One of the goals of the RFT MARC is to publish, promote, and distribute materials of scholarly importance relevant to the region that will enhance the intellectual understanding and contribute to the instructional program at the University of Guam and other academic institutions.

Character of Duties:

A faculty of Micronesian Seafaring requires expertise in traditional as well as contemporary Micronesian seafaring; a commitment to the continued practice and continued knowledge production and futurities of time-tested maritime practices and wayfinding skills used within the region; and a passion for education and community outreach. The qualified applicant will be prepared to teach courses in the UOG Micronesian seafaring certificate program, such as Micronesian Seafaring Systems, Micronesian Canoe Building, and Micronesian Canoe Carving.

The selected applicant will provide lectures on Micronesian seafaring customs, including the rituals, manners, and routines that govern seafaring protocols and etiquette; the practical skills and procedures related to the building of seaworthy canoes and canoe structures; and on the stories, oral traditions, wisdom, and related knowledge that carry the history and philosophies of Micronesian seafaring practice. Research duties include developing educational content on Micronesian seafaring for use by students at different levels of education and in engaging in maintenance and futurities endeavors that document the history and practices of Micronesian seafarers. In addition, the selected applicant will actively promote and support the growth and expansion of local and regional canoe houses by fostering collaborative working relations with regional college programs and community organizations that support Micronesian seafaring to develop, nurture, and strengthen seafaring educational practices and programs, and by leading discussions about establishing a Micronesian Seafaring Academy at MARC that introduces Micronesian seafaring to interested students from K-12 through higher education.

As a MARC faculty member, the selected applicant will contribute to MARC in instruction, research, service, and community outreach responsibilities.

Qualifications:

Minimum: A bachelor's degree from a U.S. regionally accredited institution or foreign equivalent plus Pairourou designation and Pwo Ceremony, which are recognized as specialized certifications equivalent to advanced academic credentials in Micronesian seafaring, validated by UNESCO's safeguarding of Micronesian wayfinding as intangible cultural heritage. Mastery of traditional seafaring rites through completion of Adjei or inaugural voyage. 5-10 years of providing instruction and training in Micronesian seafaring schools, demonstrating technical proficiency in celestial navigation, canoe carving, and canoe house construction. 3-5 years of both short and long voyages throughout Mutau-uol, demonstrating applied knowledge of wind/swell patterns, oceanic currents, and therapeutic plant use. Proven ability to integrate ancient and contemporary Micronesian seafaring traditions, including oral histories, chant protocols, and maritime rituals. Mentored 3-5 Maritime student interns/apprentices in heritage preservation, focusing on practical skills transmission. Demonstrated contributions

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to community-driven events and activities that advance regional seafaring education and collaborative partnerships. Must be willing to teach online.

Preferred: A master's degree or higher in an academic discipline associated with Micronesian Seafaring from a U.S. regionally accredited institution or foreign equivalent. Formal teaching experience at the university level. Participation in collaborative voyages and seafaring educational projects and endeavors. Experience in grant writing and management. Experience in preparing and delivering presentations related to seafaring, oceanic culture, and environmental sustainability in regional, national, and international conferences. Author or editor of publication(s) related to seafaring. Experience working and teaching in online learning programs.

Salary Level:

Salary will be commensurate with qualifications and experience relevant to the position. The following salary figures are for nine (9) months:

Assistant Professor	\$52,408 - \$105,140 Per Academic Year
Associate Professor	\$58,369 - \$115,705 Per Academic Year

Compensation for employment shall not commence until all hiring conditions are met, including required employment visa. Annual salary will be prorated, if start of employment is delayed.

Appointment/ Relocation:

The position is a nine (9) month faculty position, three-year tenure track or non-tenure track contractual appointment and requires the hired applicant to relocate to Guam and work on campus. The University provides relocation assistance to new employees if hired off-island on a three-year initial contract. Provided are travel expenses for the applicant and the applicant's spouse (as defined by Guam Law) and children under the age of 18 by the least expensive and most direct air route from the point of hire and for moving household goods to Guam by the least expensive carrier up to 3,500 pounds for a family and 1,750 pounds for an applicant without dependents. Insurance of household goods, if desired, is at the employee's expense.

Benefits:

Fringe benefits include a medical and dental plan, life insurance, cafeteria plan (flexible tax benefit plan), annual leave, sick leave, and the Government of Guam retirement plan.

Application Process:

Applicants for University of Guam faculty positions must complete an online job application through the UOG's online employment portal at <https://uog.peopleadmin.com>. Please have the following documents prepared and ready to upload with your application:

- (1) Letter of Intent, stating interest
- (2) Up-to-date curriculum vitae or resume
- (3) Copies of all graduate and undergraduate transcripts

Applicants who are short-listed for an interview will be required to provide a short (approximately 5 minutes) video clip of their lecture or presentation.

Special Instructions for References: Three (3) current letters of recommendation from persons knowledgeable about your academic and professional performance must be provided by providing a list of at least three (3) references to be contacted on the References section of the online application. Enter each reference by clicking on the "Add References Entry" button. Provide the name, title, email address, mailing address, and telephone number of each reference. A system automated email will be sent to each reference's email address with a link to attach their reference letter to your application.

Selected candidate must provide official transcripts prior to hire date. For further information, please contact Dr. Melissa Taitano, Chair, Micronesian Seafaring Search Committee at taitanomg@triton.uog.edu or the Human Resources Office at uoghro@triton.uog.edu, telephone number, (671) 735-2350 or fax number at (671) 734-6005.

Police and Court Clearance: Pursuant to Public Law No. 28-24 and Executive Order 2005-34, applicants selected for a position are required to provide original police and court (Superior Court of Guam) clearances of no more than three (3) months old prior to commencement of employment. Off-island applicants must obtain clearances from their place of residence. Applicants are responsible for fees associated with obtaining the clearances.

Application Deadline:

Optimal submittal date is May 2, 2025 (Chamorro Standard Time/UTC+10) when review of received applications will begin. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled.

(Note to applicants in the mainland United States: Please be advised that Guam is a day ahead of the mainland United States.)

For further information about the University of Guam, visit our Web Site at <http://www.uog.edu>. General information about Guam is available at <http://www.visitguam.com>. For local newspapers, The Pacific Daily News is available at <http://www.guampdn.com> and The Guam Daily Post is available at <http://www.postguam.com>.

Work Eligibility:

Submission of completed job applications authorizes the University of Guam to seek and obtain information regarding the applicant's suitability for employment. All factors which are job related may be investigated (i.e., previous employment, educational credentials, and criminal records). All information obtained may be used to determine the applicant's eligibility for employment in accordance with equal employment opportunity guidelines. In addition, the applicant releases previous employers and job-related sources from legal liability for the information provided.

Should an applicant be convicted of any crimes other than a minor traffic violation, all applicable information must be provided in the form of a police clearance report and court clearance report. Failure to admit any felony convictions may result in immediate disqualification or disciplinary action.

Section 25103, Chapter 25, Title 10 of the Guam Code Annotated requires college or university employees to undergo a physical examination, to include a test for tuberculosis (skin or x-ray), prior to employment and at least annually thereafter. A report of such examination must be conducted by a licensed physician within a state or territory of the United States and must be submitted upon request.

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Federal law requires presentation of eligibility to work in the United States within seventy-two (72) hours of reporting for employment. Specifically, 8 USC 1324A requires the employer to verify the identity and eligibility to work in the United States of all newly hired employees. The University of Guam is required to comply with this law on a non-discriminatory basis. If you are hired to fill a position with the University of Guam, you will be required to present valid documents to comply with this law.

The University of Guam is an equal opportunity employer and provider.

The University of Guam complies with Public Law 24-109 in reference to the provisions and requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act. Assistance in EEO/ADA matters and inquiries concerning the application of Title IX and its implementing regulations may be referred to the University's Director, EEO and Title IX/ADA Coordinator, located at the EEO/ADA and Title IX Office, Dorm II, Iya Hami Hall, Room 104, Telephone No. (671) 735-2244; TTY (671) 735-2243; or to the Office of Civil Rights (OCR).

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