



Maya Brin Distinguished Lecturer in Russian

The School of Languages, Literatures, and Cultures at the University of Maryland seeks applicants for a full-time, 9-month faculty position, non-tenure-track, as the Maya Brin Distinguished Lecturer in Russian, to begin Fall 2013. The Maya Brin Distinguished Lecturer in Russian will provide academic and administrative management for the new Maya Brin Residency Program and teach in the Russian undergraduate program. This inaugural position is renewable, depending on performance. The position reports to the Chair of the Russian Department.

The Maya Brin Residency Program is a newly endowed program at the University of Maryland, College Park that will bring leading Russian scholars, artists, and cultural figures to campus for short-term stays of between one week and one semester. Residents will be drawn from the fine or performing arts, literature, journalism, politics, history, literary or art criticism, or any other branch of the humanities. As influential representatives of their field, Maya Brin Residents will be figures around whom the intellectual life on campus, and eventually the region, can rally -- in particular among the existing strengths in Russian studies in the various departments in the College of Arts and Humanities. With successive residents drawn from different disciplines, the program is expected to create synergies to inspire interdisciplinary initiatives in teaching, the training of graduate students, and scholarship. Activities of the Maya Brin Resident will normally include a major public lecture or performance; participation in events organized within the College of Art and Humanities, such as a conference, seminar, or workshop; and formal and/or informal engagement with students.

As academic and administrative manager of the residency program, the Maya Brin Distinguished Lecturer in Russian will have responsibility for outreach; communication; marketing, including materials preparation; event planning and organization; coordination and support of the inter-departmental Residency faculty steering committee; and budget management. S/he will be responsible for the administrative well-being of the residents throughout their stay. S/he will facilitate academic collaboration across the College and seek to build on the momentum that each residency generates (for example, through promoting interdisciplinary courses, facilitating collaboration among faculty, and participating in future planning).

As teacher in the Russian undergraduate program, s/he will teach 3-4 courses per year, depending on program needs and resources; work with undergraduate students of Russian and residents of the Language House in "beyond the classroom" activities; and generally contribute to the intellectual life of the Department.

Further duties may include program advising; service on departmental, school, and college undergraduate committees; managing the departmental web site. Possibility for summer teaching. Other duties as assigned.

Requirements include: successful teaching record in Russian in a US higher education setting; solid experience in outreach, event planning, international or intramural collaboration, programmatic or other management/operations, and “beyond the classroom” activity at the university level; native or near native fluency in Russian and English; PhD or ABD in Russian language/culture or literature or related field. Facility with technology or design a plus. The successful candidate will be a creative, independent, organized professional whose investment in Russian Studies has been broad and deep.

Salary is commensurate with qualifications and experience.

To apply, please submit a cover letter, CV, and the names of three references through the University of Maryland online employment application system at <https://jobs.umd.edu>.

For best consideration, materials should be received by November 26, 2012. Review of applications will begin immediately thereafter.

The University of Maryland, College Park, actively subscribes to a policy of equal employment opportunity, and will not discriminate against any employee or applicant because of race, age, sex, color, sexual orientation, physical or mental disability, religion, ancestry or national origin, marital status, genetic information, or political affiliation. Minorities and women are encouraged to apply.