

Sessional Lecturer Posting [AST251H1F – Summer 2025]

Course Number and Title: AST251H1F (Summer) – Life on Other Worlds

Course Description: Scholarly discussion of the probability that there are planets with life elsewhere in the universe, from the perspective of current ideas concerning the origin and evolution of the universe, the solar system and life. Search techniques and possibilities for interstellar travel and space colonies are discussed. Intended for life sciences students.

Estimated course enrolment: ~ 190

Estimated TA support: ~ 280 hours

Class schedule: TU: 18:00-20:00; TH: 18:00-20:00

Sessional dates of appointment: May 1, 2025 – June 30, 2025,

Salary:

Sessional Lecturer I: \$9,457.90

Sessional Lecturer I, Long Term: \$9,930.79

Sessional Lecturer II: \$10,121.77

Sessional Lecturer II, Long Term: \$10,326.62

Sessional Lecturer III: \$10,362.76

Sessional Lecturer III, Long Term: \$10,570.02

Qualifications: PhD or equivalent training in Astronomy, with experience in teaching university courses in astronomy required; teaching excellence, strong academic record, and mastery of subject area; previous experience in teaching a similar course is highly desirable.

Description of duties: All normal duties related to the design and teaching of a university credit course, including preparation and delivery of course content; development, administration and marking of assignments, test and exams; calculation and submission of grades; holding regular office hours; supervising TAs assigned to course; address any issues of academic integrity that arise related to this course.

Application Procedure: Please submit your Curriculum Vitae and a [completed application](#) to: astro.finance@utoronto.ca by **11:59 pm EST on Friday, March 28, 2025**, and include “[CUPE UNIT 3 Job Application](#)” in the Subject line of the email. Please save the documents in PDF format and use the following naming format: LastName, FirstName - Course Code – Resume / Application. Additional material (cover letter,

teaching dossier, statement) is optional, but if included, they should be attached in PDF format (naming the document LastName, FirstName - Course Code – Document Type) as messages in the body of the email will not be considered. If during the application and/or selection process you require accommodation due to a disability, please contact **astro.finance@utoronto.ca**.