

Tier 2 Canada Research Chair (CRC) in Indigenous Scientific Knowledge Systems.

The University of Ottawa invites applications for a Tier 2 Canada Research Chair (CRC) in Indigenous Scientific Knowledge Systems. The successful candidate will hold a regular tenure-track position in the [Faculty of Arts](#) and will be expected to establish an externally funded collaborative research program. The CRC in Indigenous Scientific Knowledge Systems will conduct a program of research that examines the consequences of intergenerational trauma from a multidisciplinary perspective based on epigenetics, ecology, biology and Indigenous knowledge and research methodologies. Building on the Faculty of Arts' close collaboration with [Ingenium: Canada's Museums of Science and Innovation](#), the Chair will involve a five-year, 50% secondment to Ingenium. The Chair will represent an epistemic break from existing approaches rooted in colonial history and will position the University of Ottawa as a leader in Indigenization efforts. In collaboration with the University's existing CRCs in Indigenous research, the Chair will help align the University with the social, cultural and political projects of Indigenous communities in the Outaouais region as well as nationally, facilitating significant collaboration with these communities. The Chairholder will ideally have developed his or her own network of Indigenous scholars and communities nationally and internationally (e.g., in the United States). The Chair will benefit from numerous opportunities for collaboration at the University, including the [Institute of Indigenous Research and Studies](#) and the Faculties of [Science](#), [Health Sciences](#) and [Social Sciences](#). The Chair is expected to advance knowledge and understanding of Indigenous self-determination, governance, culture and identity, while contributing to the decolonization of the academy and museums and affirming the role of Indigenous Peoples as active creators of scientific knowledge.

Tier 2 Chairs, tenable for five years and renewable once, are for exceptional emerging researchers, acknowledged by their peers as having the potential to lead in their field. For each Tier 2 Chair, the institution receives \$100,000 annually for five years, with an additional \$20,000 annual research stipend for first-term Tier 2 Chairs.

Candidates should, at a minimum, be assistant or associate professors, or possess the necessary qualifications to be appointed to one of these ranks. Candidates who are more than 10 years from their highest degree must contact the University of Ottawa directly for questions related to their potential eligibility for a Tier 2 Chair. The institution may nominate a professor or a researcher who is more than 10 years from their highest degree at the time of nomination and has experienced legitimate career interruptions (see [acceptable justifications](#)). In such cases, the institution must submit to the Secretariat a formal justification (using the [Tier 2 Justification Screening Form](#)), explaining why the nominee is still considered to be an emerging scholar. The University recognizes the legitimate impact that leaves (e.g., parental leave, leave due to illness) can have on a candidate's record of research achievement and that these leaves will be taken into careful consideration during the assessment process. New CRC nominees

are also eligible for infrastructure support from the [Canada Foundation for Innovation](#) (CFI) to help acquire state-of-the-art equipment essential to their work.

Selective hiring: The University of Ottawa is committed to ensuring equity, diversity and inclusion in the scholarly and leadership environments of our students, staff, and faculty. In accordance with the [University's Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Action Plan](#), the selection will be limited to First Nations, Inuit and Métis scholars. Candidates from this group who wish to be considered for this position must complete the Employment Equity section in their online profile during the application process online. The objective of this measure is to increase the representation of the four designated groups (women, persons with disabilities, Indigenous peoples and members of visible minorities) in the allocation of Canada Research Chair positions.

Required Skills:

A PhD in the CRC field(s), ideally with training or research practice in Indigenous Studies; Be recognized as contributors to Indigenous knowledge production in the field of science and for their innovative research and commitment. Preference will be given to applicants who are able to work constructively with Indigenous communities and knowledge keepers. Evidence of interdisciplinary collaborations; ongoing commitment to graduate student teaching and training; ability to secure external research funding; excellent oral and written communication skills in English or French. Passive knowledge of the other official language is an asset.

Rank and salary: Regular tenure-track academic appointment at the rank of Assistant or Associate Professor in the Faculty of Arts. This position is governed by a collective agreement between the University of Ottawa and the Association of Professors of the University of Ottawa.

Application Package:

- A cover letter;
- An up-to-date curriculum vitae (please include career interruptions such as parental or sick leaves that may have impacted your record of research. These will be taken into consideration in the selection process);
- A research plan (2 to 3 pages);
- A statement of teaching interests (1 to 2 pages);
- A statement on indigenization/decolonization philosophy and concrete practices (1 page);
- A letter of recommendation from a member of the community, a community or an organization with whom the applicant has worked, attesting to their adherence to Indigenous protocols around research methods and praxis;
- The names of three people who may be contacted by the University for letters of reference which will follow the [Canada Research Chairs guidelines](#) (i.e. **Tier 2**: one arm's length and two who are not affiliated to the University of Ottawa unless they are the candidate's PhD or postdoctoral supervisor); and
- Complete the **Employment Equity section** of your online Profile during the application process.

[To apply: please click here to submit your application online to posting J0821-0410](#)

Deadline: September 18, 2021

The selection process will begin immediately after the closing date and will continue until the position is filled. Only candidates selected for an interview will be contacted.

Please address your cover letter to the following person:

Dr. Sylvain Charbonneau, Vice-President, Research
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*If you are invited to continue the selection process, please notify us of any particular adaptive measures you might require by contacting the Office of the Vice-Provost, Faculty Relations at 613-562-5958. The Canada Research Chairs Program imposes no restrictions on nominees with regard to nationality or country of residence. Procedures to allow non-Canadian chairholders to work in Canada have been established by Employment and Social Development Canada and Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada. Candidates who wish to be considered as a member of one or more designated groups are asked to complete the **confidential** Self-Identification Questionnaire, to be completed at the time of application.*

The University of Ottawa is justly proud of its 160-year tradition of bilingualism. Through its Official Languages and Bilingualism Institute, the University provides training to staff members and their spouses in their second official language. At the time of tenure, professors are expected to be able to function in a bilingual setting. In certain cases, professors must have the ability to teach in both official languages to be granted tenure.

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