

Tier 2 Canada Research Chair in Virus host interactions

University of Ottawa

Location: Ontario

Application deadline: February 11, 2021

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The University of Ottawa invites applications for a Tier 2 Canada Research Chair (CRC) in Virus Host interactions. The successful candidate will hold a tenure track position with the [Faculty of Medicine](#)'s [Department of Biochemistry, Microbiology and Immunology](#). This research-intensive department, comprised of over 120 core, adjunct, and cross-appointed interdisciplinary faculty members, is a vibrant research and educational environment with multiple strong foci of research in multiple health-related fields. Relevant to this position, the Department confers MSc and PhD degrees in Microbiology & Immunology. The successful candidate will become an integral member of the University of Ottawa's [Center for Infection, Immunity and Inflammation](#), with access to a broad network of research collaborators across the city of Ottawa, as well as state-of-the-art equipment facilities.

We are interested in attracting early career candidates with a doctoral degree in Microbiology, Immunology, Virology, or in a relevant area. Applicants will be expected to have evidence of research quality and research productivity in one of the following research areas:

- Immune responses at the mucosal sites
- Virus- Host interactions
- Molecular mechanisms of innate immune sensing

Tier 2 Chairs: 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 professors, or possess the necessary qualifications to be appointed to these levels. 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.

Preferential 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. Accordingly, we strongly encourage applications from members of the four designated groups such as Indigenous peoples, visible minorities, persons with disabilities, and women, as defined in the [Employment Equity Act](#), as well as from all qualified candidates with the skills and knowledge to productively engage with equitable, diverse and inclusive communities. As part of this preferential hiring process, applications from members of the four designated groups will be prioritized and assessed first for the vacancy. Candidates who wish to qualify for preferential consideration are asked to fill the following self-identification form: https://research.uottawa.ca/sites/research.uottawa.ca/files/crc_self-identification_questionnaire_ovpr.pdf. The purpose of this measure is to increase the representation of members of the four designated groups in the allocation of Canada Research Chair positions.

Required Qualifications: A PhD, superior research achievements in the CRC's identified area(s) and proof of interdisciplinary collaborations, a solid record with respect to teaching and training of students at the graduate level, the ability to obtain external research funds, excellent communication skills in either English or French. A passive knowledge of the other official language is considered an asset.

Rank and salary: Academic rank will be at the Assistant or Associate Professor level and commensurate with the career stage and track record of the successful candidate. 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 equity, diversity, and inclusion philosophy and practice (1 page);
- 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. 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).
- Self-identification form (see Preferential Hiring section above).

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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 send the application package to the following address or by email to:**

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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.

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.

Notice of Collection of Personal Information

In accordance with the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (Ontario) and with University Policy 90, your personal information is collected under the authority of the University of Ottawa Act, 1965 and is intended to be used for the purpose of and those consistent with your employment application and the administration of your employment relationship, if established. If you have any questions regarding this collection of personal information, please contact Office of the Vice-Provost, Faculty Relations at (613) 562-5958 or by email at vra.affairesprofessorales@uottawa.ca.