Canada Research Chair (Tier 1) in Global Urbanism

We are seeking an internationally recognized expert in the study of political, social, geographic and/or economic relationships between the global and the urban as a specific space of capital, ideas, culture, social networks, and people for nomination to a Tier 1 Canada Research Chair (CRC) in Global Urbanism at the rank of Associate Professor or Full Professor. The ideal candidate will bring a new perspective to our internationally leading research capacity in the social scientific study of the urban as a core site of globalization and transnationalism with an original and innovative program of research that may focus on a range of urban issues including, for example: citizenship and belonging, civil society, gender, governance, inequality, migration, infrastructure, politics, social justice, surveillance, sustainability, work. Tier 1 Canada Research Chairs at York provide an enhanced, focused and collaborative environment for outstanding senior scholars to further their internationally renowned program of research. This Chair is one of the investments being made by York in the development of its research priority of Public Engagement for a Just and Sustainable World. The successful candidate will be expected to develop research linkages within and beyond York, including strong and productive leadership within York University’s Organized Research Units such as the CITY Institute (www.yorku.ca/research/about/centres.html).

The successful candidate will have: a PhD in a relevant discipline; an interdisciplinary research orientation across the social sciences; an internationally leading research record demonstrating excellence and eminence in the field; a proven ability to attract external research funding; demonstrated excellence in teaching; a superior record of attracting and supervising graduate students and postdoctoral fellows; and the capacity to attract, develop, and build relationships with other researchers. Depending on the area of expertise, the successful candidate will be primarily affiliated with Economics, Geography, Social Science, or Sociology and will be expected to maintain vigorous participation in graduate program(s) and supervision, and focused participation in undergraduate teaching.

Established by the Government of Canada, the Canada Research Chairs (CRC) program seeks to attract outstanding researchers to Canadian universities. Nominees for Tier 1 positions are Full Professors, or Associate Professors who are expected to be promoted to the Full Professor level within one or two years of the nomination. Tier 1 Chairs are outstanding researchers acknowledged by their peers as world leaders in their field. The awards have 7 year terms and may be renewed. Appointments to these Canada Research Chair positions are subject to review and approval by the Canada Research Chairs Secretariat. Complete details about the CRC program can be found on the CRC website at www.chairs-chaires.gc.ca/.
The anticipated start date for this position is July 1, 2016. Salary will be commensurate with qualifications and experience. All York University positions are subject to budgetary approval. The deadline for applications is January 30, 2015.

Candidates should submit a signed letter of application, an up-to-date curriculum vitae, three most influential publications, a comprehensive vision statement (no longer than 10 pp.) of the CRC in Global Urbanism’s research mandate (including a specific research plan; a statement of research leadership, including mentoring faculty and graduate students; and a plan for developing or fostering research intensification across boundaries and/or disciplinary strengths) and arrange for three signed letters of reference to be sent directly to:

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