

Department of Politics
Canada Research Chair (Tier 2) in Politics of Democracy and
Artificial Intelligence

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Deadline to Apply: March 31, 2019

The Department of Politics, Faculty of Liberal Arts & Professional Studies at York University invites applications from outstanding early career researchers who specialize in Politics of Democracy and Artificial Intelligence for appointment as professorial tenure-track or tenured professor at the Assistant or Associate Professor level. Note that this appointment is contingent upon a successful nomination to the Canada Research Chairs program (<http://www.chairs-chaire.gc.ca/>) at the Tier 2 level. The start date for this position is July 1, 2019 or as soon as possible thereafter.

The successful candidate must have a PhD in Political Science or a related discipline. The ideal candidate will be an emerging world-class researcher with demonstrated potential for international recognition in their field, and for taking a pioneering approach to the study of democracy and technology.

The development of Artificial Intelligence (AI) poses a host of challenges to social and political life, many of which will have an impact on the struggle towards democracy. The core focus of the proposed Chair is the relationship between AI and the democratic governance of states and societies. This relationship bears on, but is not limited to: 1) the political control of residents (populations) bearing on migration, privacy, political expression, and, given emerging trends toward trans-humanism, who or what counts, in what ways, as a citizen or even human; 2) political and policy decisions about the organization of economies, the nature of work, consumption, and the environment; and 3) the very constitution of polities as it relates to the nature of states and the democratic body politic. The CRC in the Politics of Democracy and Artificial Intelligence will lead a research program into the democratic possibilities of AI, and the political demands for achieving greater democracy through the social disruptions and resources AI will produce.

The successful applicant will be eligible for prompt appointment to the Faculty of Graduate Studies. Preference will be given to those with experience supervising graduate students and postdoctoral fellows and/or the potential to attract, develop, and retain excellent students and future researchers, while contributing to curricular development in their area of specialization. Pedagogical innovation in high priority areas such as experiential education and technology enhanced learning is preferred.

The Canada Research Chairs (CRC) program seeks to attract outstanding researchers for careers at Canadian universities. Tier 2 Chairs are intended for exceptional emerging scholars (i.e., who, at the time of nomination, are within 10 years of attaining their highest degree, with consideration for career breaks) who have the acknowledged potential to lead their field of research. Appointment to a Tier 2 Chair is for

five years, is renewable once, and comes with enhanced research support from the program. Applicants who are more than 10 years from their highest degree (and where career breaks exist, including maternity leave, extended sick leave, clinical training, etc.) may have their eligibility for a Tier 2 Canada Research Chair assessed through the program's [Tier 2 justification process](#). Please see the CRC website (<http://www.chairs-chaieres.gc.ca/>) for further eligibility details.

For this nomination, we are particularly interested in candidates with diverse backgrounds and especially encourage candidates in equity, diversity and inclusion categories, including members of the four designated groups (women, members of visible minorities (racialized groups), Indigenous peoples and persons with disabilities) to apply. York acknowledges the potential impact that career interruptions (e.g. maternity leave, leave due to illness, etc.) can have on a candidate's record of research achievement. Applicants are encouraged to explain in their application the impact that career interruptions may have had on their record of research achievement; this will be taken into careful consideration during the assessment process.

As a research Chair, a CRC is expected to develop research linkages within and beyond York. In the case of this Chair, productive research trajectories may include collaborations with scholars across the Faculty of Liberal Arts & Professional Studies, as well as a number of York's Research Centres and Institutes (www.yorku.ca/research/about/centres.html).

The deadline for applications is March 31, 2019. Salary will be commensurate with qualifications and experience. All York University positions are subject to budgetary approval.

Applicants should submit a signed letter of application outlining their professional experience and research interests, an up-to-date curriculum vitae, a research and research leadership plan for the prospective Chair, a sample of their scholarly writing (maximum 50 pp.), and a teaching dossier, and arrange for three signed confidential letters of recommendation to be sent to: Professor David Mutimer, Chair, Department of Politics, Email: polsjobs@yorku.ca (Subject line: CRC in Democracy and Artificial Intelligence).

York University has a policy on [Accommodation in Employment for Persons with Disabilities](#) and is committed to working towards a barrier-free workplace and to expanding the accessibility of the workplace to persons with disabilities. If you require accommodation at any time during the hiring process, please contact Professor David Mutimer, Chair, Department of Politics at polschr@yorku.ca.

York University is an Affirmative Action (AA) employer and strongly values diversity, including gender and sexual diversity, within its community. The AA Program, which applies to Aboriginal people, visible minorities, people with disabilities, and women, can be found at <http://acadjobs.info.yorku.ca/> or by calling the AA office at 416-736-5713.

Self-Identification and Work Status Declaration forms may be found at: <http://acadjobs.info.yorku.ca/affirmative-action/>. Applicants wishing to self-identify can do so by downloading, completing and submitting the form. A declaration of work status is required.