

Department of Communications Studies
Canada Research Chair (Tier 2) in Media & Cultural/Creative Industries

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Deadline to Apply: December 31, 2018

The Department of Communication Studies at York University invites applications from outstanding early career scholars who specialize in Media & Cultural/Creative Industries to be nominated for a Tier 2 Canada Research Chair (CRC). The successful CRC is expected to have the necessary qualifications to be appointed as a professorial tenure-track or tenured professor at the Assistant or Associate 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 Communications or a related discipline: applications are welcome from any sub-field, with a preference for those with a specialization in Communications and Digital Media. The ideal candidate will be an excellent emerging world-class researcher with demonstrated potential for international recognition in his/her field integrating a pioneering approach to the study of the political and social benefits of research. The successful candidate will have demonstrated potential for excellence in the study of how to build, and engage in, collaborative research initiatives to address media and cultural/creative industries with an emphasis on digital cultures. The successful candidate will have demonstrated excellence or promise of excellence in teaching and scholarly research with a strong record of theoretical innovation. Preference will be given to those successful in obtaining peer-reviewed external research funding and 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 her/his area of specialization, and participate actively in the graduate program. The successful applicant shall be eligible for prompt appointment to the Faculty of Graduate Studies. 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-chaire.gc.ca/>) for further eligibility details.

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), for example: Sensorium, York's Centre for Digital Arts and Technology, BRAIN, analysis and visualization of big data, VISTA, the Institute for Research on Innovation and Sustainability, the Roberts Centre for Canadian Studies, and the York Centre for Asian Research.

The deadline for applications is **December 31, 2018**. Salary will be commensurate with qualifications and experience. All York University positions are subject to budgetary approval.

Candidates should submit a signed letter of application, an up-to-date curriculum vitae, a teaching dossier, a research and research leadership plan, and a sample publication, and arrange to have three signed letters of reference sent directly to:

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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.

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. All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply; however, Canadian citizens, Permanent Residents, and Indigenous people in Canada will be given priority.

Applicants wishing to self-identify can do so by downloading, completing and submitting the forms found at: <http://acadjobs.info.yorku.ca/>. Please select the Affirmative Action tab under which forms pertaining to Citizenship and AA can be found.

The Faculty of Liberal Arts & Professional Studies (LA&PS) brings together internationally recognized research, a devotion to effective teaching, and a commitment to diversity, equity and social justice. The range, global sensitivity and intensity of disciplinary and interdisciplinary degree programs are mirrored by the diversity and engagement of its professors and students. Within its 21 academic units, LA&PS provides a compelling learning experience for more than 23,000 undergraduate and 1,800 graduate students. Become part of LA&PS – Canada’s most comprehensive group of academic programs and researchers in social sciences, humanities and related professional fields.

LA&PS Communications Department Background

The Department of Communication Studies offers students an interdisciplinary and dynamic milieu where they can develop comprehensive and critical awareness of diverse communication and media environments. Our approach to communication emphasizes the questioning and analyzing of media and technology in their relationship to social and cultural practices and the circulation of ideas and values.

The research interests of our faculty reflect our diversity and excellence as a Department. Our faculty engage with communications from diverse vantage points ranging from media policy, politics and power, international development and gender and identity. These faculty interests are reflected in our comprehensive curriculum which ranges from traditional forms of mass communication to mobile technologies, web 2.0 and nanotechnology. Our courses encompass three thematic areas that include: Media, Culture and Society, Politics and Policy, & Critical Technology Studies. The Department’s Graduate Program, the Joint Ryerson-York Program in Communication & Culture, spans two universities, five faculties at York University and includes almost 150 faculty members.