

Canada Research Chair (Tier 1) in Digital Humanities and Social Justice

The Faculty of Liberal Arts and Professional Studies seeks to appoint a Tier 1 Canada Research Chair (CRC) in Digital Humanities and Social Justice. The successful candidate will be a senior academic at the level of full professor with an outstanding international reputation as a research leader, responsible for furthering scholarly intensification at York, and attracting and cultivating a cohort of collegial and student intellectual endeavour in the field and exploring interactions across disciplines. S/he will be a world-class scholar in the study of digital media, communities, and/or cultures as they impact, emerge out of, or respond to questions of social justice. With a dynamic, substantial and ongoing record of scholarship supported through competitive external funding, the candidate will support York's strategic prioritization of interdisciplinary and intermedial research that forges a just and sustainable world. Research may focus on but not be limited to intelligent, interactive, mobile, social, or networked technologies; digital methodologies, cultures, modes of perception, or expression; and/or the ethical and intellectual consequences of living in and with the world's technological conditions, locally, globally, today, and/or across time. The successful candidate's research will address key critical and theoretical intersections of digital humanities and social justice and the modalities for understanding these intersections from a contemporary or historical perspective. Ultimately housed in the Department of English, History or Humanities, the appointed scholar will foster international collaboration, pedagogy, and public access to research in digital humanities and social justice.

PERSON SPECIFICATION

The successful candidate will hold a Ph.D. in a relevant field, and will:

- be recognized as an outstanding and innovative world-class research leader whose accomplishments have made a major international impact in the field;
- have a superior record of obtaining competitive external research funding and attracting and supervising graduate students and postdoctoral fellows;
- as chairholder, be expected to develop collaborative programs of research involving faculty, graduate students, postdoctoral fellows from across the entire University and, where appropriate, from outside York University; and
- be proposing an original, innovative research program of the highest quality.

ABOUT THE CANADA RESEARCH CHAIRS PROGRAM¹

The Canada Research Chairs program stands at the centre of a national strategy to make Canada one of the world's top countries in research and development. In 2000, the Government of Canada created a permanent program to establish 2,000 research professorships - Canada Research Chairs - in eligible degree-granting [institutions across the country](#).

The Canada Research Chairs program invests approximately \$265 million per year to attract and retain some of the world's most accomplished and promising minds. Chair-holders aim to achieve research excellence in engineering and the natural sciences, health sciences, humanities, and social sciences. They improve our depth of knowledge and quality of life, strengthen Canada's international competitiveness, and help train the next generation of highly skilled people through student supervision, teaching, and the coordination of other researchers' work.

The Canada Research Chairs Program is committed to excellence in research and research training, and to ensuring equal access to opportunities for all qualified candidates. The goals of excellence and equity are both compatible and mutually supporting. Sound equity practices ensure that the Chairs program accesses the largest possible pool of qualified candidates, without affecting the integrity of the program's selection process. The Chairs program is committed to the federal government's policies on non-discrimination and [employment equity](#).

The Chairs Secretariat works collaboratively with institutions to identify and share strategies and practices that respect the spirit of openness, transparency and [equity of the program](#).

OBTAINING THE TIER 1 CANADA RESEARCH CHAIR

The appointment is contingent on successful application to the Canada Research Chairs Program (<http://www.chairs-chaire.gc.ca/>).

APPOINTMENT PROCESS AND HOW TO APPLY

An executive search exercise is being undertaken by Perrett Laver. Perrett Laver will support the University in helping to identify the widest possible field of qualified candidates and assisting in the assessment of candidates against the requirements for the role.

Applications should consist of:

- a signed letter of application, describing how the applicant meets the criteria for the position;
- a full, up-to-date curriculum vitae (including full academic training and employment history);
- a comprehensive CRC vision statement of no more than 10 pages, including:
 - a specific, personal research plan, and
 - a statement of research leadership, including mentoring faculty and graduate students; a plan for developing or fostering research intensification across boundaries and/or disciplinary strengths; and a plan for the development of externally funded large-scale strategic research projects and/or other programs appropriate to the field.

¹ This section from http://www.chairs-chaire.gc.ca/about_us-a_notre_sujet/index-eng.aspx.

- copies of the applicant's three most influential publications; and
- a list of three referees who may be contacted later in the process with the candidate's permission.

Applications can be uploaded at www.perrettlaver.com/candidates quoting the reference number 1934. The closing date for applications is 12 noon on 6 July 2015.

Applications will be considered by the selection committee thereafter, and selected candidates will subsequently be invited for informal engagements with the University by late July 2015; more formal interviews of short-listed candidates will follow in September 2015. Selection of and negotiations with the preferred candidate will take place thereafter and it is intended that the appointee will take up employment in alignment with the CRC appointment process.

The anticipated start date of the tenure stream position is July 1, 2016. Salary will be commensurate with qualifications and experience. All York University positions are subject to budgetary approval.

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 www.yorku.ca/acadjobs or by calling the AA office at 416-736-5713. All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply; however, Canadian citizens and Permanent Residents will be given priority.



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