The School of Computing and the Department of Philosophy in the Faculty of Arts and Science at Queen’s University invites applications for a joint Queen’s National Scholar position at the rank of Assistant or Associate Professor with specialization in the Philosophical Implications of Artificial Intelligence, with a preferred starting date of July 1, 2020. This is a tenured or tenure-track position. Further information on the Queen’s National Scholar Program can be found on the website of the Office of the Vice-Principal (Research) at: https://www.queensu.ca/vpr/prizes-awards/queens-national-scholars.

The successful candidate must have a PhD or equivalent degree in Computer Science, Software Engineering, Philosophy or a related discipline completed by the appointment start date. They are expected to play a major role in delivery of graduate and undergraduate programs in the Philosophical Implications of Artificial Intelligence and related areas at the School of Computing and the Department of Philosophy. They will collaborate with Computing and Philosophy colleagues in aspects of AI and its Philosophical Implications, for example, machine learning, human language technologies, perception and sensing, cyberphysical systems, human-AI collaboration, the ethics of design, normative implications of computerization, concepts of mind, epistemology, philosophy of science, environmental philosophy, and social justice questions about the impact of AI on society and globally. They will also have the opportunity to engage with researchers across the University on ethics, policy and specific AI applications.

The main criteria for selection are academic and teaching excellence. The successful candidate will provide evidence of high-quality scholarly output that demonstrates a record for independent research leading to peer-assessed publications. A commitment to secure external research funding, as well as strong potential for outstanding teaching contributions at both the undergraduate and graduate levels, dedication to academic and pedagogical excellence in support of the two units’ programs, and an ongoing commitment to fostering equity and diversity are requirements for this position. Ability to work in collaborative multidisciplinary settings, to participate in course development and to supervise and mentor students are also essential. The successful candidate will be required to make substantive contributions through service to the School or Department, Faculty, University, and/or broader community. Salary will be commensurate with qualifications and experience.

People from across Canada and around the world come to learn, teach and carry out research at Queen’s University. Faculty and their dependents are eligible for an extensive benefits package including prescription drug coverage, vision care, dental care, long term disability insurance, life insurance and access to the Employee and Family Assistance Program. You will also participate in a pension plan. Tuition assistance is available for qualifying employees, their spouses and dependent children. Queen’s values families and is pleased to provide a ‘top up’ to government parental leave benefits for eligible employees on maternity/parental leave. In addition, Queen’s provides partial reimbursement for eligible daycare expenses for employees with dependent children in daycare. Details are set out in the Queen’s-QUFA Collective Agreement. For more information on employee benefits, see Queen’s Human Resources.

Additional information about Queen’s University can be found on the Faculty Recruitment and Support website. The University is situated on the traditional territories of the Haudenosaunee and Anishinaabe, in historic Kingston on the shores of Lake Ontario. Kingston’s residents enjoy an outstanding quality of life with a wide range of cultural, recreational, and creative opportunities. Visit Inclusive Queen’s for information on equity, diversity and inclusion resources and initiatives.

Queen’s University is one of Canada’s leading research-intensive universities with a global reputation and is a recognized leader in Canadian higher education. The School of Computing and Department of Philosophy are mid-sized units with strong undergraduate, Master’s and Doctoral programs.
The University invites applications from all qualified individuals. Queen’s is committed to employment equity and diversity in the workplace. We encourage applications from women, visible minorities, Aboriginal peoples, persons with disabilities, and LGBTQ persons. All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply; however, in accordance with Canadian immigration requirements, Canadian citizens and permanent residents of Canada will be given priority.

To comply with federal laws, the University is obliged to gather statistical information as to how many applicants for each job vacancy are Canadian citizens / permanent residents of Canada. Applicants need not identify their country of origin or citizenship; however, all applications must include one of the following statements: “I am a Canadian citizen / permanent resident of Canada”; OR, “I am not a Canadian citizen / permanent resident of Canada”. Applications that do not include this information will be deemed incomplete.

In addition, the impact of certain circumstances that may legitimately affect a nominee’s record of research achievement will be given careful consideration when assessing the nominee’s research productivity. Candidates are encouraged to provide any relevant information about their experience and/or career interruptions.

A complete application consists of:

- a cover letter (including one of the two statements regarding Canadian citizenship / permanent resident status specified in the previous paragraph);
- a current Curriculum Vitae (including a list of publications);
- a writing sample – either a publication or a work in progress;
- a statement of research interests;
- a statement of teaching interests and experience (including teaching outlines and evaluations if available);
- a statement of experience in and commitment to facilitation and promotion of equity, diversity, and inclusion; and,
- three (3) references (referees are to email letters directly to PIAI-hire@queensu.ca).

Applicants should send all documents (with the exception of references which applicants should ensure are sent directly by referees), in their application packages by email as a single PDF by November 30, 2019 to: PIAI-hire@queensu.ca

The University will provide support in its recruitment processes to applicants with disabilities, including accommodation that takes into account an applicant’s accessibility needs. If you require accommodation during the interview process, please contact Professor Sypnowich at philhead@queensu.ca.

Academic staff at Queen’s University are governed by a Collective Agreement between the University and the Queen’s University Faculty Association (QUFA), which is posted at https://www.queensu.ca/facultyrelations/faculty-librarians-and-archivists/collective-agreement and at http://www.qufa.ca.

Appointments are subject to review and final approval by the Principal. Candidates holding an existing tenure-track or continuing-adjunct appointment at Queen’s will not be considered.