Canada Research Chair in Biopsychosocial Determinants of Mental Health

The Department of Psychology in the Faculty of Arts at the University of Regina invites applications for a tenure-track position at the Assistant Professor level for the nomination of a Tier 2 Canada Research Chair in Biopsychosocial Determinants of Mental Health, commencing July 1, 2018.

The successful candidate will have a PhD in Psychology, will be an emerging leader in his/her field as evidenced by an exceptional record of research, funding, teaching, and mentorship, and will have demonstrated knowledge and understanding of interdisciplinary approaches to investigating biopsychosocial determinants of mental health.

We are particularly interested in finding an outstanding candidate with a background in psychoneuroendocrinology, an interdisciplinary field that encompasses research methods from psychology, neuroscience, and endocrinology. This field examines the interaction between psychological well-being, the brain, and hormones. Thanks to its comprehensive approach to understanding mental health, psychoneuroendocrinology is flourishing as a field and leading to great advances in the treatment of mental illness.

The Canada Research Chairs (CRCs) were established by the Canadian government as part of a national strategy to foster research excellence. Tier 2 Chairs are intended for exceptional emerging scholars with less than 10 years of active research in their field. Applicants who are more than 10 years from having earned their highest degree (and where career breaks exist, such as maternity, parental or extended sick leave) may have their eligibility for a Tier 2 Chair assessed through the program's Tier 2 justification process. The nominee must meet the requirements for the position of Tier 2 Chair as defined by the CRC program. Please consult the Canada Research Chairs website (http://www.chairs-chaires.gc.ca/about_us-a_notre_sujet/index-eng.aspx) for full program information, including further details on eligibility criteria.

The University of Regina’s Strategic Research Plan 2016-2020 has identified five key research priorities, two of which are “Anxiety, Stress & Pain”, and “Integrated Human Health”. These areas of research strength provide significant opportunities for interdisciplinary collaboration relevant to the proposed CRC’s mandate.

The CRC will be appointed in the Psychology department, with the possibility of cross-appointment in a related discipline such as biology if appropriate. The CRC would supervise undergraduate and graduate students in their area of expertise and would additionally provide invaluable training in Psychoneuroendocrinology to all of the department’s students. The CRC would also contribute to operation of our Experimental & Applied Psychology (EAP) program and/or our Canadian Psychological Association (CPA) accredited Clinical Psychology program, both of which succeed in attracting exceptional students from across the country.
The Faculty of Arts is home to about 100 full-time faculty members in fourteen departments and seven interdisciplinary programs in social sciences and humanities. The Community Research Unit, which is housed in the Faculty of Arts, provides support for community-engaged research. The Faculty of Arts also closely collaborates with the First Nations University of Canada. The CRC candidate’s research program can benefit from and further contribute to this collaboration.

Salary will be commensurate with the qualifications of the successful candidate. In addition, the Chair will receive research funding and a reduced teaching load for the duration of the CRC position. The University of Regina is committed to an inclusive workplace that reflects the richness of the community that we serve. The University welcomes applications from all qualified individuals, including individuals within the University’s employment equity categories of women, persons with disabilities, members of visible minorities, Indigenous persons, individuals of diverse gender and sexual orientation, and all groups protected by the Human Rights Code. All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply; however, Canadians and permanent residents will be given priority. All Canada Research Chairs are subject to review and final approval by the CRC Secretariat.

Review of applications will begin March 1st, 2017 and will continue until a CRC nominee is selected through a candidate appraisal and interview process. To review the full posting and to apply please see http://www.uregina.ca/hr/careers/opportunities.html. Applicants must submit electronically the following documents: 1) a covering letter describing how the applicant meets the criteria for the position, 2) a statement of teaching philosophy and evidence of teaching effectiveness, 3) an up-to-date curriculum vitae, and 4) research article reprints or preprints. In addition, applicants should include a proposed five year research plan in Biopsychosocial Determinants of Mental Health that addresses the objectives of the CRC program (maximum 2,500 words). This plan should include a proposal for developing or enhancing interdisciplinary research strengths, and a plan for developing externally-funded research projects and/or other projects appropriate to the CRC mandate. Candidates should also arrange for letters from three referees and official university transcripts to be sent directly to: Dr. Rick Kleer, Dean Faculty of Arts, University of Regina, 3737 Wascana Parkway, Regina Saskatchewan. S4S 0A2. Enquiries on this position may be addressed to: Dr. Richard MacLennan, Head Department of Psychology, email: richard.maclennan@uregina.ca.