Canada Research Chair (Tier II) Childhood Health Promotion, Faculty of Arts

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Position Description

The Department of Psychology at the University of Calgary, in conjunction with the Alberta Children’s Hospital Research Institute, invites applications for a Tier 2 Canada Research Chair in Childhood Health Promotion. The successful candidate will be appointed at the rank of Assistant Professor (Tenure-track) in the Department of Psychology. The anticipated start date is September 1, 2019.

The Department of Psychology is a research-intensive department with high standards in teaching. We value interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary approaches to research and training, and strongly encourage collaboration. For more information about the Department, please click here. The Department has a close working relationship with the Alberta Children’s Hospital Research Institute (ACHRI), which brings together over 180 inter-disciplinary scientists to find new ways of understanding and enhancing child behavioral, emotional, cognitive, and physical health. Several faculty members in the Department are members of ACHRI. For more information about ACHRI, please click here.

The department is seeking applications from individuals with a PhD in applied developmental or pediatric (clinical) psychology with a research focus on psychological and behavioural approaches to health promotion and disease prevention in childhood, emphasizing wellness and resilience. Applicants should have an established research focus in childhood health promotion, including topics such as (but not limited to) interventions to: foster physical activity, reduce the risk of illicit drug use or mental health problems, promote good sleep and dietary habits, or enhance psychological resilience.

Selection criteria for this position will include research excellence and originality, demonstrated effectiveness in teaching and supervision, and demonstrated ability (or strong potential) to secure competitive external funding. These criteria will be judged on a variety of metrics including, but not limited to, quantity and quality of research contributions to date; teaching dossier with ratings or other indications of quality; awards, scholarships, and other recognitions for research and teaching excellence; and record of competitive funding, including competitive studentships and fellowships. Impact will be evaluated based on a variety of metrics including mobilization of knowledge to a broad range of groups, leadership, and service roles.

Tier II Chairs are intended for exceptional emerging scholars (i.e., candidates must have been an active researcher in their field for fewer than 10 years at the time of nomination). 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, clinical training, etc.) may have their eligibility for a Tier II Chair assessed through the program’s Tier II justification process. Please contact UCalgary’s Office of Research Services for more information: ipd@ucalgary.ca. Please consult the Government of Canada’s CRC website for full program information, including further details on eligibility criteria.

The successful candidate is expected to establish and maintain an active research program, and to contribute to the Department’s teaching and research supervision in both its undergraduate and graduate programs. In addition, some administrative service to the department, faculty, or university is expected.

Interested individuals are encouraged to submit an application online via the ‘Apply Now’ link. Please be aware that the application process allows for only four attachments. Your four application attachments should be organized to contain the following (which may require you to merge documents):

- Cover letter
- Curriculum vitae, including the name and contact information of three referees, and written permission to the Chair of the Selection Committee to contact the referees for letters of references
- Statement of research interests (not to exceed two pages)
- Teaching dossier

All applications must be received by March 18, 2019, at which time the Academic Selection Committee will begin reviewing applications to select applicants to invite for on-site interviews.

The University of Calgary recognizes that candidates have varying career paths and that career interruptions can be part of an excellent academic record. Candidates are encouraged but not required to provide any relevant information about their experience and/or career interruptions to allow for a fair assessment of their application. Selection committees have been instructed to give careful consideration to, and be sensitive to the impact of career interruptions, when assessing the candidate’s research productivity.

The University of Calgary recognizes that a diverse staff/faculty benefits and enriches the work, learning and research experiences of the entire campus and greater community. We are committed to removing barriers that have been historically encountered by some people in our society. We strive to recruit individuals who will further enhance our diversity and will support their academic and professional success while they are here; in particular, we encourage members of the four designated groups (women, Indigenous People, persons with disabilities and members of visible minorities) to apply. All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply; however Canadians and permanent residents will be given priority. To ensure a fair and equitable assessment, we offer accommodation at any stage during the recruitment process to applicants with disabilities. Questions regarding diversity or requests for accommodation can be sent to Human Resources (hrhire@ucalgary.ca).

Additional Information

To learn more about academic opportunities at the University of Calgary and all we have to offer, view our Academic Careers website. For more information about the Faculty of Arts visit Careers in the Faculty of Arts.

About the University of Calgary

The University of Calgary is Canada’s leading next-generation university – a living, growing and youthful institution that embraces change and opportunity with a can-do attitude. Located in the nation’s most enterprising city, the university is making tremendous progress on its Eyes High journey to be recognized as one of Canada’s top five research universities, grounded in innovative learning and teaching and fully integrated with the community it both serves and leads. The University of Calgary inspires and supports discovery, creativity and innovation across all disciplines. For more information, visit ucalgary.ca.

About Calgary, Alberta

Calgary is one of the world’s cleanest cities and has been named one of the world’s most livable cities for years. Calgary is a city of leaders - in business, community, philanthropy and volunteerism. Calgarians benefit from a growing number of world-class dining and cultural events and enjoy more days of sunshine per year than any other major Canadian city. Calgary is less than an hour's drive from the majestic Rocky Mountains and boasts the most extensive urban pathway and bikeway network in North America.

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