

Assistant or Associate Professor and SSHRC Canada Research Chair, Tier II – Sociology and Anthropology

Wednesday, October 4, 2023

About the position

Field of Specialization: Disability Justice

Academic Unit: Sociology and Anthropology

Category of Appointment: Preliminary (Tenure-Track)/Tenured

Rank/Position Title: Assistant or Associate Professor and SSHRC Canada Research Chair, Tier II

Start Date: July 1, 2024

Closing Date: Applications will be considered beginning January 8, 2024, and continue until position is filled.

The Department of Sociology and Anthropology (SOAN) invites applications from qualified candidates for a SSHRC Tier II Canada Research Chair (CRC) appointment in Disability Justice. The chair, whose appointment will be in sociology, will be at the rank of assistant professor or associate professor beginning July 1, 2024. Appointment is conditional on the approval of the application by the CRC Secretariat.

The ideal candidate will have a PhD with a focus on Disability Justice and a record of strong SSHRC funding. Disability justice centres the transformative role of disability politics, cultures, and communities to collectively dismantle ableism and build more accessible and socially just relations in the world. Emerging out of US activism done by disabled people of colour and disabled queer and trans people in the early 2000s, the unique knowledge produced by disability justice approaches is beneficial to disabled people, policymakers, not-for-profit sectors, social movements, and scholarly work in critical disability and social movement studies and beyond. Reconceptualizing disability as an intersecting social, cultural, and political phenomenon, the CRC in Disability Justice will engage with the ingenuity of Carleton's emerging interdisciplinary network of critical disability studies scholars and accessibility experts, as well as draw on community partners, artists, and activists in the national capital region and beyond. Disability justice issues remain under-examined both locally, nationally, and internationally. To redress this, the Chair will build on Carleton's excellent research reputation as a leader in accessibility and critical disability studies to expand its internationally competitive research program to include disability justice social movements, cultures, scholarship, and activism. Potential research areas include a wide range of methodological, theoretical, and community based approaches taking up abolition, transinstitutionalization, and carceral ableism; crip theory; mad studies; decolonial, post-colonial, and transnational disability studies; fat studies; feminist and intersectional theory; bio/necro politics; political economy of disability, health and wellness; medicalization and the politics of diagnosis, treatment, and cure; national and global health inequities; disability futures; disability cultures; and Medical Assistance in Dying.

To see the full position posting, please visit Carleton University's [Deputy Provost's website](https://carleton.ca/deputyprovost/jobs/academics/) at <https://carleton.ca/deputyprovost/jobs/academics/>.

Tier 2 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 2 Chair assessed through the program's Tier 2 justification process. For more details, please see the [Canada Research Chairs Secretariat](https://www.chairs-chaires.gc.ca/) at <https://www.chairs-chaires.gc.ca/> and the [Carleton Office for Research Initiatives and Services](https://carleton.ca/coris/) at <https://carleton.ca/coris/>.

About the Academic Unit

The Department of Sociology and Anthropology (<https://carleton.ca/socanth/>) is one of the oldest and most highly regarded departments within its disciplines in Canada. It has a large graduate program with MA and PhD degrees in both Anthropology and in Sociology. At the undergraduate level, it offers B.A. degrees in both Sociology and Anthropology and a Bachelor of Global and International Studies with specializations in "Social Change and Inequality" and "Culture and Power," as well as a Minor in Community Engagement. There are thirteen core Anthropology faculty members as well as ten affiliated Anthropology faculty from other units at the university and twenty-five core Sociology faculty as well as nineteen affiliated Sociology faculty from other units at the university. In addition to disability justice, the department emphasizes social justice, community engagement, social movements, citizenship studies, and science and technology studies, as well as its growing research in environmental justice and climate change, digital social research and practice-based research methods.

- a track record of high-quality research in Disability Justice;
- a commitment to community engagement;
- a track record of attracting external research funding;
- capacity to attract, supervise, and mentor graduate students;
- capacity to attract, develop, and build relationships with other researchers; and
- strong potential for outstanding teaching contributions.

Application Instructions

Please submit your application in one single PDF, including a cover letter, a curriculum vitae, a statement of teaching interests and experience, and a maximum of three samples of representative publications to the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences at FASSOD@Carleton.ca.

Letters of reference will be requested of shortlisted candidates only.

Please provide a statement that identifies your strengths in advancing equity, diversity, and inclusion in your discipline and on campus as well as your future plans.

Please indicate in your application if you are currently legally eligible to work in Canada.

To help us develop our equity programs, a confidential equity and diversity self-identification survey will be sent to all applicants separately.

We invite all applicants to provide an optional Career Interruption Statement outlining any career interruptions <https://carleton.ca/deputyprovost/?p=1784>.

About Carleton University

Carleton University is an innovative teaching and research institution with a tradition of leading change. Internationally recognized academics, staff, and researchers engage more than 31,000 students in over 100 programs of study. Learn more about [our university and the city of Ottawa](https://carleton.ca/deputyprovost/jobs/) at <https://carleton.ca/deputyprovost/jobs/>.

We are strongly committed to equity, diversity, and inclusion in the nomination and appointment process.

Carleton University is committed to fostering diversity within its community as a source of excellence, cultural enrichment, and social strength. We welcome those who would contribute to the further diversification of our university including, but not limited to: women and gender minorities; racialized individuals; Indigenous Peoples; persons with disabilities; and persons of any sexual orientation and/or expression. Furthermore, Carleton understands that career paths vary and interruptions will not prejudice the assessment process. We invite you to review our revitalized Indigenous strategy, Kinàmàgawin at <https://carleton.ca/indigenousinitiatives/cu-files/kinamagawin/> and visit our Department of Equity and Inclusive Communities at <http://carleton.ca/equity> for information about our commitment to leadership in the areas of equity, diversity, and inclusion.

Accessibility is a university strategic priority and applicants selected for an interview who require accommodations are invited to contact the Chair as soon as possible to ensure that appropriate arrangements may be made.

All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply; however, Canadians and permanent residents will be given priority. All positions are subject to budgetary approval.

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