

Canada 150 Research Chairs Nominees – Faculty of Humanities

The Faculty of Humanities at McMaster University is seeking outstanding, internationally-based researchers (including Canadian expatriates) from the liberal arts disciplines and at all career stages for consideration as Canada 150 Research Chairs nominees.

The Canada 150 Research Chairs program will invest \$117.6 million to enhance Canada's reputation as a global centre for science, research and innovation excellence, in celebration of Canada's 150th anniversary. It will provide Canadian universities with a one-time investment to attract top-tier, internationally based scholars and researchers (including Canadian expatriates) to Canada.

Only researchers who are internationally based at the time of the application (both working and residing outside of Canada), including Canadian expatriates, are eligible for the program. Researchers who are already at a Canadian institution are not eligible. Please consult the [Canada 150 Research Chairs website](http://www.canada150.chairs-chaires.gc.ca/home-accueil-eng.aspx) <http://www.canada150.chairs-chaires.gc.ca/home-accueil-eng.aspx> for full program information, including further details on eligibility criteria.

Founded in 1887, McMaster University is one of only four Canadian universities consistently ranked in the Top 100 in the world. Home to more than 70 research centres and institutes, McMaster is comprised of six faculties: The DeGroote School of Business, and the Faculties of Engineering, Health Sciences, Humanities, Science, and Social Sciences. A medical-doctoral, research-intensive university, McMaster is dedicated to teaching, learning and service. With a total full-time student population of close to 28,000, McMaster welcomes students from 98 countries as well as Canada.

The Faculty of Humanities offers 16 undergraduate and 17 graduate programs, including PhD programs in Classics; Cognitive Science of Language; Communication, New Media and Cultural Studies; English and Cultural Studies; French; History; and Philosophy.

We welcome applications from scholars engaged in disciplinary or interdisciplinary research or research-creation, who can contribute to our strengths in:

The Origins of Modern Ideas and Culture (including Bertrand Russell Research Centre; Centre for Ancient Numismatics; Eighteenth-Century Studies)

Canadian History and Literature in a Global Framework (including L.R. Wilson Institute for Canadian History; Institute on Globalization and the Human Condition; Canadian Literary Cultures)

Indigenous Research and Community-Engaged Scholarship, with a focus on diversity and social justice (including Centre for Community-Engaged Narrative Arts; Peace Studies; Arts-Centered Community-Engaged Social Sciences; Centre for Scholarship in the Public Interest; Institute for Indigenous Research).

Arts at the Intersection of Science, Engineering and Health (including Centre for Experimental and Applied Linguistics; Music Acoustic Learning Lab; Institute for Music and the Mind; Institute on Ethics and Policy for Innovation: bioethics and global health innovation; MacDATA Institute; History of Health and Medicine)

Engaging our Digital World (including Lewis and Ruth Sherman Centre for Digital Scholarship; Centre for Networked Imagination; MacGRID; Networked Communications Governance Lab; Digital Music Lab; Gaming Scalability Environment Lab; Multimedia Arts Research and Design Lab; FemTechNet Project Host).

Interdisciplinary Research or Research-Creation related to one of the areas of scholarship identified above.

McMaster's main campus, located in the Westdale neighbourhood of Hamilton, Ontario, is comprised of 300 acres of scenic property at the western end of Lake Ontario, between Toronto and Niagara Falls. Our 30-acre central core is designated for pedestrians and bicyclists. Nearby attractions include Cootes Paradise, the Bruce Trail, the Waterfront Trail, the Royal Botanical Gardens, and the Niagara Escarpment, a UNESCO World Biosphere Reserve.

McMaster values a diverse community and encourages applications from highly qualified candidates with skills and abilities that will contribute to the values of equity, diversity and inclusivity in research, teaching and the workplace. McMaster has a strong commitment to employment equity and encourages applications from women, persons with disabilities, Indigenous persons, members of racialized communities and LGBTQ-identified persons. We also appreciate that these identity positions do not occur in isolation from one another.

Selection Criteria

McMaster's nominees for the Canada 150 Research Chairs program will be selected in accordance with the following criteria:

1. Research/academic merit of the candidate
 - The quality of the candidate's research track record, as measured through bibliometric evidence or other measures of research productivity and impact.
 - The candidate is a top-tier, internationally based researcher whose accomplishments have made a major impact in their fields (as appropriate based on career stage).
2. Potential contribution of the candidate to the research enterprise at McMaster and in Canada
 - The potential contribution of the research chair in enhancing the research landscape at McMaster and in Canada, such as:
 - filling a gap within existing expertise;
 - building research capacity in new fields or increasing critical mass in existing areas;
 - contributing to the values of equity, diversity and inclusivity in research, teaching and the workplace.
 - likelihood that the work of the candidate will advance the reputations of McMaster and Canada as a global centre for science, research and innovation excellence; and
 - potential for the candidate's expertise to create social and economic advantages for Canada.

How to Apply

Interested applicants should submit an application in electronic form to the Dean, Faculty of Humanities (deanhum@mcmaster.ca), including the following:

- a letter of application demonstrating how the candidate meets the selection criteria outlined above;
- curriculum vitae;
- statements of research and teaching interests and a description of how the candidate has or will advance the University's commitment to building an inclusive community and to fostering a culture which embraces and promotes the rich diversity of the campus community (activities

may include diversity-related programming, committee work and/or mentoring women and/or other groups that have been historically marginalized or disadvantaged.);

- a selection of research publications; and
- the names and contact information of a least three referees (with postal and email addresses) who are established authorities in the field and who are not in a conflict of interest; at least one of the referees should be a recognized international authority in the candidate's field who does not reside in the country in which the candidate is currently working.
- In our efforts to fulfill our commitment to the diversity, equity and inclusivity, you are invited to complete a brief diversity survey as part of the application process. This survey can be found at <https://surveys.mcmaster.ca/limesurvey/index.php/454487?lang=en>. The survey is **voluntary** and will take approximately two minutes. All information collected is confidential and will not be shared with the selection committee. The results of the survey are for institutional planning purposes, and support our efforts to promote diversity, equity, and inclusivity.

Applications are requested by July 31, 2017.

McMaster University recognizes the potential impact that career interruptions and personal circumstances (e.g., pregnancy, early childcare, eldercare, illness, etc.) can have on a candidate's record of research achievement. We encourage candidates to explain in their applications the impact that career interruptions, or other issues may have had as described under "Career Interruptions" at CRC's Guidelines for ensuring a fair and transparent recruitment and nomination process at <http://www.chairs-chaire.gc.ca/program-programme/equity-equite/recruitment-recrutement-eng.aspx>. Further detail may be found under Guidelines for Assessing the Productivity of Nominees at http://www.chairs-chaire.gc.ca/peer_reviewers-evaluateurs/productivity-productivite-eng.aspx#career.

Employment Equity Statement

McMaster University is located on the traditional territories of the Haudenosaunee and Mississauga Nations and, within the lands protected by the "Dish With One Spoon" wampum agreement.

In keeping with its Statement on Building an Inclusive Community with a Shared Purpose, McMaster University strives to embody the values of respect, collaboration and diversity, and has a strong commitment to employment equity. The diversity of our workforce is at the core of our innovation and creativity and strengthens our research and teaching excellence. The University seeks qualified candidates who share our commitment to equity, diversity and inclusion. While all qualified candidates are invited to apply, we particularly welcome applications from women, persons with disabilities, First Nations, Métis and Inuit peoples, members of visible minorities, and LGBTQ+ persons.

Job applicants requiring accommodation to participate in the hiring process should contact the Human Resources Service Centre at 905-525-9140 ext. 222-HR (22247) or the Faculty of Health Sciences Human Resources office at ext. 22207 to communicate accommodation needs.