

Canada Research Chair (Tier 2) in Health Policy for Children and Youth Date posted: February 21, 2020

Simon Fraser University is Canada's leading comprehensive university. As a strategic priority, its Faculty of Health Sciences (FHS) supports research in policy development and implementation to improve the health of children and youth through its [Children's Health Policy Centre](#). In support of that strategic priority, FHS seeks applications from early and mid-career researchers with an outstanding record to be appointed as a **Canada Research Chair (Tier 2) in Health Policy for Children and Youth**.¹ The appointment will be tenure-track and may be at the rank of Assistant or Associate Professor.

The Canada Research Chairs Program supports outstanding researchers in areas that will further their institution's strategic research priorities. To meet the criteria of the CRC program, Tier 2 CRC applicants must be excellent, emerging, world-class researchers who have demonstrated particular research creativity and the potential to achieve international recognition in their fields in the next five to ten years. They should have the potential to attract, develop and retain excellent trainees, students and future researchers; and should propose an original, innovative, high quality research program.

The Position

We seek a scholar who has a PhD or equivalent in a relevant social science discipline. The successful applicant will have demonstrated strengths in combining theory and methods to study the development and implementation of policy for children and youth, with the goal of improving population and public health. The successful applicant will be expected to engage in innovative research, build successful policy and related relationships with external stakeholders (e.g., in government, health systems, or NGOs), and gradually assume a leadership role that bridges research strengths and policy impact. Though a reduced teaching load (1.5 courses per year) will be provided during the term of the Tier 2 Chair, successful applicants will be expected to actively contribute to teaching in health policy and child/youth health, as well as supervising graduate students.

The ideal candidate will hold proven expertise in policy analysis research relevant to the health of children and youth across one or more of the [research challenge areas](#) in the

¹ Tier 2 Chairs are intended for exceptional emerging scholars, i.e. candidate 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 their highest degree (and where career breaks exist, including maternity leave, extended sick leave, clinical training, etc.) may have their eligibility for a Tier 2 CRC assessed through the program's Tier 2 justification process; please see the CRC website for eligibility details or contact the office for [Institutional Strategic Awards](#).

Faculty of Health Sciences. These are Mental Health and Addictions; Infectious Diseases; Developmental Trajectories; Health Systems and Health Policy; Big Data and Social and Technological Innovation; and Planetary Change. Programs of research that amplify our core cross-cutting themes of global health, gender and social inequities, Indigenous health, and underserved communities will be prioritized.

The Faculty of Health Sciences

FHS was created in 2004 with a [mission](#) to improve the health of individuals and populations and to reduce health inequities through excellence in interdisciplinary research and education, in partnership with local, national and global communities and with a commitment to social justice. The successful candidate will join a diverse and dynamic team of more than 50 multi-disciplinary faculty members and will have the opportunity to engage with and teach outstanding students in the PhD, MSc, MPH, and BA/BSc programs. FHS maintains collaborative agreements and partnerships with the BC government, regional health authorities, research centres, and provincial, national and international agencies. Our community engaged work is exciting and at the cutting edge of interdisciplinary work in health. The faculty includes three Canada Research Chairs, five Endowed Chairs, and nine additional faculty members with external salary awards.

Application Process

To apply, please submit a full curriculum vitae, a letter of application, a brief statement of research plans for the next 5 years (two page maximum), a teaching and graduate student mentorship/supervision statement (one page maximum), and the names and contact details of three academic and one non-academic references. The teaching statement must detail experience and interests, and identify undergraduate and/or graduate courses of teaching interest with reference to existing FHS course offerings. Please also outline any contributions you expect to make to academic life in the form of service.

These materials should be submitted electronically to: rhs_recruit@sfu.ca

The search committee will begin to review submitted applications on April 15, 2020. The position will remain open until filled.

This position is contingent upon the applicant being successfully awarded a Tier 2 Canada Research Chair. For this reason, only scholars with outstanding research records will be considered. Each Canada Research Chair is tenable for five years and may be renewed once. The position is subject to the availability of funding and to final approval by the University Board of Governors and the CRC Secretariat. Interested applicants are invited to review the initial appointment and chair renewal details of the [CRC Program](#).

SFU recognizes that alternative career paths and/or career interruptions (e.g. maternity leave, leave due to illness) can impact research achievements and commits to ensuring that leaves are taken into careful consideration. Candidates are

encouraged to highlight in their application how alternative paths and/or interruptions have impacted their careers.

Simon Fraser University is an institution whose strength is based on our shared commitments to diversity, equity, and inclusion. Diversity is an underlying principle of SFU's Strategic Vision, which pledges SFU to "foster a culture of inclusion and mutual respect, celebrating the diversity reflected among its students, faculty, staff, and our community." SFU is committed to ensuring that no individual is denied access to employment opportunities for reasons unrelated to ability or qualifications. Consistent with this principle, SFU will advance the interests of underrepresented members of the work force, specifically Indigenous peoples, persons with disabilities, racialized persons, and women; embrace gender and sexual diversity; ensure that equal opportunity is afforded to all who seek employment at the University; and treat all employees equitably. Candidates that belong to underrepresented groups are particularly encouraged to apply.

SFU offers several benefits and services aimed at creating a more inclusive and accessible campus community for faculty, please see the Faculty Relations, Benefits and Service page for more details. SFU is also committed to ensuring that the application and interview process is accessible to all applicants; if you require accommodations or have questions about SFU benefits, services, accommodations policies, or equity considerations please contact the [Director of Equity, Diversity and Inclusion](#) in Faculty Relations.

Under the authority of the University Act personal information that is required by the University for academic appointment competitions will be collected. For further details see the [Collection Notice](#).

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