

Tier 2 Canada Research Chair in Critical Risk and Crisis Communication

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The School of Communication at Simon Fraser University is a national and global leader in the discipline and a dynamic site of research and teaching. Founded on a tradition of critical approaches to media and culture, technology studies, global communication, culture industries and policy, and applied media production, the School is home to several research groups, including the Digital Democracies Institute. We are a large and thriving unit with 1300 undergraduate majors and 100+ graduate students. We respectfully acknowledge x^wməθk^wəy̓əm (Musqueam), Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish), sə́ilwətaʔt (Tsleil-Waututh), q̓ícəy̓ (Katzie), k^wik^wəł̓əm (Kwikwetlem), Qayqayt, Kwantlen, Semiahmoo and Tsawwassen peoples on whose traditional territories our three campuses reside. By recognizing the Unceded Traditional Coast Salish territories we aspire to engage meaningfully in decolonization at all levels of the School, including in its community relations, operations, research, and curriculum.

We invite applications for a Tier 2 Canada Research Chair (CRC) in **Critical Risk and Crisis Communication** to begin on or before January 1, 2022. We seek a researcher with a proven track record in Critical Risk and Crisis Communication in relation to one or more of the following areas: environment, sustainability and climate change; public health and health communication; Indigenous epistemologies, knowledge, and communities; and disaster management and resilience. We especially welcome candidates whose work critically interrogates the frameworks of risk, crisis and emergency communication in relation to areas such as Indigeneity, gender and sexuality, dis/ability studies, race, ethnicity and/or class. The position is open to experts in qualitative, quantitative, or mixed methods, and those with an interest in innovative forms of interdisciplinary research, knowledge translation and public engagement.

This CRC appointment opportunity is intended for exceptional early and mid-career scholars who have demonstrated the potential to achieve international recognition in their field in the next five to ten years, including a successful track record of external research funding. By exceptional, we recognise diverse forms of scholarly contribution, including but not limited to: peer-reviewed publications; public-facing forms of knowledge; the creation of open access resources; different forms of community engaged research including Indigenous gatherings and communal gatherings of minoritized groups; artworks and performances; sound works; film or video production.

The Tier 2 Canada Research Chair is tenable for five years and may be renewed for a second five-year term. To be eligible, applicants must have a completed Ph.D. (or Ph.D. near completion) in Communication or a related field. They must be an active researcher in their field and have completed their Ph.D. within 10 years of appointment to the position. For applicants who are more than 10 years removed from their highest degree, where career breaks exist, including parental leave, extended sick leave, and clinical training, applicants may

have their eligibility assessed through the program's Tier 2 justification process; please see the [CRC website](#) for eligibility details.

This position is contingent upon the applicant being successfully awarded a Tier 2 Canada Research Chair. The position is subject to the availability of funding and to final approval by the University Board of Governors and the CRC Secretariat.

Application Process

Candidates are asked to submit:

- A cover letter outlining research, teaching, and service achievements, including indication of citizenship and/or residency status (2-3 pages);
- A full curriculum vitae;
- The proposed program of research, including an outline of the proposed CRC research program over five years, an explanation of how the proposed research aligns with and advances SFU's 2016-2022 [Strategic Research Plan](#), and a discussion of how this Chair would strengthen graduate training at SFU (2-6 pages);
- Teaching philosophy with a focus on graduate training (1-2 pages);
- Short statement with a description of past or potential contributions to equity, diversity, and inclusion through teaching, mentoring, research, or service to the profession and/or community (1 page maximum);
- Two examples of refereed published scholarly work, or related forms of knowledge production (e.g. documentary film, artist's catalogue);
- Contact information for 4-6 potential referees. (Letters of reference may be requested at a later date).

All documents should be combined into a single PDF file with bookmarks.

Please send applications to Brenda Baldwin, Director's Assistant (cmns_dsec@sfu.ca) addressed to:

Dr. Zoë Druick, Director (she/her)
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The search committee will begin to review submitted applications February 1, 2021. The position will remain open until filled. Any general inquiries regarding this posting may be directed to cmns_dir@sfu.ca.

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 workforce, 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 Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Specialist in Faculty Relations.

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