Faculty of Education

Tier 1 Canada Research Chair in Learning Analytics and Learning Design

The Faculty of Education at Simon Fraser University (SFU) is actively building a diverse, inclusive community and invites applications for a SSHRC, Tier 1 Canada Research Chair (CRC) in Learning Analytics and Learning Design with an effective start date of April 2019. This appointment opportunity is limited to candidates at the rank of Associate or Full Professor.

Tier 1 Chairs are intended for outstanding researchers acknowledged by their peers as world leaders in their fields. Please see the CRC website for details and consult the website for full program information, including further details on eligibility criteria.

The successful candidate will play an instrumental role in creating a synergy that can propel leading-edge research initiatives to identify and meet the challenges of enhancing student experience and retaining undergraduate students, and with the potential to contribute to the educational experience of students in the K–12 school system. The Chair will significantly enhance the Faculty of Education’s research strengths in learning design, educational technology, and learning science.

The Chair’s expertise in learning analytics will capitalize on in-hand and ambient big data generated throughout SFU’s present and future systems. The Chair will also contribute strong leadership to dedicated research and development of specialized online and blended delivery courses, transforming student experience, improving the learning environment, tailoring learning supports and interventions, and fostering academic success.

This position is contingent upon the applicant receiving a Tier 1 Canada Research Chair therefore, only senior investigators with outstanding discipline relevant research outputs (e.g. publication record, patents, prototypes, knowledge mobilization activities, performing arts activities, non-traditional forms of scholarship) relevant to their discipline, will be considered. The position is subject to the availability of funding and to final approval by the University Board of Governors and the Tri-Agency Institutional Programs Secretariat (TIPS). This Tier 1 CRC is tenable for seven years and may be renewed for a second term. Interested applicants are invited to review the initial appointment and chair renewal details of the CRC Program.

To apply, applicants should provide:

- an up-to-date, full curriculum vitae (include details of research and teaching, scholarly record, funding, and list of collaborations/partnerships);
- two examples of refereed published scholarly work;
- the proposed program of research (include an outline of the proposed CRC research program over seven years, an explanation of how the proposed research aligns with and
advances SFU’s 2016-2020 Strategic Research Plan, and a discussion of how this Chair would strengthen graduate training at SFU (total of 2-6 pages single spaced); and

- the names and email addresses of 4-5 referees (ranked in order of preference)*.

SFU recognizes that alternative career paths and/or career interruptions can impact research achievements; candidates are encouraged to highlight in their application how alternative paths and/or interruptions have impacted them. SFU values mentoring and research training, outreach, professional service, and nontraditional areas of research and/or research outputs; demonstrated commitment to inclusive teaching practices and curriculum is also an asset. All applications should be submitted to email@sfu.ca.

Simon Fraser University’s strength is our shared commitment to diversity and to fostering a culture of inclusion and mutual respect. 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 such as on-site childcare, faculty rental housing, mortgage subsidy and down payment assistance, spousal/partner employment support, relocation expense assistance, and tuition waivers for employees and their families.

The competition will remain open until May 10, 2018. Screening of applications will commence on June 1, 2018. Any inquiries may be directed to [contact name, title, and email of person to whom inquiries may be directed].

Under the authority of the University Act, personal information that is required by the University Academic Appointment Competitions will be collected. For further details see the Collection Notice.