

Tier 1 Canada Research Chair (CRC) in Geographies of Racialization and Environment

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Simon Fraser University (SFU) is located on unceded, traditional territories of the Sk̓wx̓wú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish), x̣ʷməθkʷəỵəm (Musqueam), Sel̓ílwítulh (Tseil-Waututh), ǫíćǫ́y (Katzie), and kwikwəł̓ əm (Kwkwetlem) First Nations. We are actively building a diverse, inclusive community and invite applications for a Tier 1 Canada Research Chair (CRC) in Geographies of Racialization and Environment in the Department of Geography with an effective start date of Fall 2020.

Racialized communities (Black, Indigenous, and People of Colour) disproportionately struggle with profound environmental change at multiple scales. The successful candidate will be a leader in the geographical study of racialization and its environmental manifestations. We seek an empirically grounded and theoretically sophisticated scholar with a PhD in Geography or a related discipline. The successful candidate's research program will extend [existing strengths of the Department of Geography](#) and of SFU more widely. The research program will support [SFU's 2016-2020 Strategic Research Plan](#), the goals of which include: strengthening civil society by advancing justice, equity and social responsibility; addressing environmental concerns and creating a sustainable future; and engaging in community-based research. Knowledge mobilization to the scholarly community, professional groups, the general public, and other stakeholders, as appropriate, is expected. Interdisciplinary work is encouraged, and cross-appointments are possible.

Experience mentoring equity-seeking faculty and students is an asset. Demonstrated collegial governance and teaching excellence is expected. Although teaching relief will be provided to the Tier 1 CRC, the successful candidate will be expected to contribute to the teaching mission of the Department of Geography, including securing financial support for graduate students.

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 that website for full program information, including further details on eligibility criteria. This appointment opportunity is limited to candidates at the rank of Associate or Full Professor, or equivalent.

This position is contingent upon the applicant receiving a Tier 1 Canada Research Chair; therefore, only senior investigators with outstanding 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 renewal details of the [CRC Program](#).

Application process

Applicants should submit a single PDF containing:

- a cover letter (with explicit statement of citizenship and/or residency status) explaining their interest in the position (1-2 page);
- an up-to-date, full curriculum vitae (include details of research, teaching, and service, scholarly record, funding, and list of collaborations/partnerships);
- two examples of refereed published scholarly work relevant to the position;
- a two page program of research, clarifying its alignment with the CRC position (short-listed candidates will be required to provide a 4-6 page statement)
- a statement of teaching philosophy (1 page);
- a diversity statement outlining the applicant's experiences in advancing justice and equity (1 page); and
- a list of 4-5 referees (long-listed candidates will be contacted before referees are contacted)

Applications should be submitted [here \[link\]](#).

The competition will remain open until the position is filled. Screening of applications will commence on 1 October 2019. Any general inquiries regarding this posting may be directed to Tracy Brennand, Search Committee Chair, tabrenna@sfu.ca.

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 how alternative paths and/or interruptions have impacted them in their application. SFU also recognizes the value of mentoring and research training, outreach, professional service, and nontraditional areas of research and/or research outputs. Demonstrated experience in increasing diversity in the candidate's current institutional environment, and in curriculum, is also an asset.

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 our 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](#).

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