

Tier 2 Canada Research Chair, Community-Based Research

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The Department of Archaeology at Simon Fraser University seeks a nominee for a Tier 2 CRC at the level of Assistant or Associate Professor with a focus on community-based archaeological research in the Pacific Northwest. We seek an exceptional scholar whose research program is centred in community-engagement with, and for Indigenous peoples. Applicants must have a proven publication record. Research focus is open, but may include Indigenous archaeology, human-environment interaction, ethnoecology, historical ecology, and Indigenous research ethics. The successful applicant must also demonstrate potential for effective teaching at the undergraduate level, including general archaeology courses.

This position is contingent upon the applicant receiving a Tier 2 Canada Research Chair. Tier 2 Chairs are intended for exceptional emerging scholars (i.e., candidates 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 having earned their highest degree (and where career breaks exist, including maternity leave, extended sick leave, clinical training, etc.) may have their eligibility assessed through the program's Tier 2 justification process. Please see the CRC website [[link](#)] for eligibility details or contact the office for Institutional Strategic Awards.

The successful applicant will contribute to SFU's Strategic Research Plan [[link](#)]. The CRC will promote the use of collaborative, community-based archaeology and related heritage-oriented research for: 1) addressing environmental concerns and creating a sustainable future; 2) understanding our origins; and 3) strengthening civil society by advancing justice, equity and social responsibility. Understanding the past through archaeology and ethnoecology and linking it to the present allows people to reconnect with their cultural heritage and identity, enhance food security, further rights and title, and reawaken traditional governance and stewardship mechanisms to better manage the lands, waters, and socio-environmental systems — all in furtherance of reconciliation.

This position is subject to the availability of funding and to final approval of the University Board of Governors and the CRC Secretariat. The Canada Research Chair Program sponsorship of this position is for five years and renewable once, after which the university

is responsible. Interested applicants are invited to review the appointment and 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 how alternative paths and/or interruptions have impacted them in their application.

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 under-represented 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](#).

To apply, please provide

- a cover letter;
- an up-to-date and full curriculum vitae;
- four examples of refereed published scholarly work;
- a proposed program of CRC research over five years;
- an explanation of how the proposed research aligns with and advances the Department of Archaeology’s past and ongoing collaborations and outreach with Pacific Northwest First Nations; and
- the names of three referees (with contact information).

These should be submitted to: Kristina Pohl, Chair’s Assistant: arch_asst@sfu.ca

Applications will be accepted until [60 days after posting]

To learn more about this exciting and challenging opportunity, please contact George Nicholas at 778-782-5709.