

## Tier 2 Canada Research Chair (CRC) in Geographies of Racialization

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Simon Fraser University (SFU) is located on unceded, traditional territories of the Sḵwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish), xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam), Selílwitulh (Tsleil-Waututh), q̓íçəy̓ (Katzie), and kwikwəḷ̓ əm (Kwkwetlem) First Nations. We are actively building a diverse, inclusive community and invite applications for a Tier 2 Canada Research Chair (CRC) in Geographies of Racialization in the Department of Geography with an effective start date of Fall 2021.

The successful candidate will be an established or emerging leader in the geographical study of racialization whose work addresses how race manifests spatially, how space is racialized, and/or how Black, Indigenous and People of Colour are re-imagining or re-enacting space. We welcome scholars whose work is attentive to the intersections of geography and Black, Latinx, Asian and diaspora studies, Indigeneity, gender and sexuality, southern theory, migration/mobilities, racial capitalism, settler-colonialism, postcoloniality, social movements, and/or labour. Applicants with an emphasis on relationships between geographies of racialization and environment are encouraged to apply. We seek an empirically grounded and theoretically sophisticated scholar in Geography or a related discipline. Appointment to a continuing faculty position in the Department of Geography requires a PhD completed by the time of appointment.

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 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 students is expected, and experience mentoring equity-seeking faculty is an asset. Demonstrated collegial governance and teaching excellence is expected. Although teaching relief will be provided to the 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.

This position is contingent upon the applicant receiving 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 Tri-Agency Institutional Programs Secretariat (TIPS). Tier 2 Chairs are intended for exceptional emerging scholars (i.e., the candidate must be within 10 years of their highest degree at the time of nomination) at the rank of assistant or associate professor (or those who possess the necessary qualifications to be appointed to these levels). 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 Canada Research Chair assessed through the program's Tier 2 justification process; please see [CRC website](#) for eligibility details or contact the [SFU Institutional Strategic Awards Office](#).

The Tier 2 Canada Research Chair is tenable for five years and may be renewable for a second term. Interested applicants are invited to review the initial appointment and chair renewal details of the CRC Program.

Simon Fraser University is an institution whose strength is based on our shared commitments to diversity, equity, and inclusion, and the pursuit of decolonization, indigenization and reconciliation. 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, visible minorities, 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.

### **Application process**

Applicants should submit a single PDF containing:

- a cover letter 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 and mentorship philosophy (1 page);
- a diversity statement outlining the applicant's experiences in advancing 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.](#)

The competition will remain open until the position is filled. Screening of applications will commence on 4 September 2020. Any general inquiries regarding this posting may be directed to Tracy Brennand, Search Committee Chair, [tabrenna@sfu.ca](mailto: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 non-traditional 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.

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 [Specialist, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion in Faculty Relations](#).

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