

Tier 2 Canada Research Chair in Social Innovation and Entrepreneurship

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The Beedie School of Business at Simon Fraser University (SFU) seeks outstanding candidates for a Tier 2 Canada Research Chair in Social Innovation and Entrepreneurship. This position includes two components: a continuing tenure-track/tenured appointment at the rank of an Assistant or Associate Professor and a nomination for a Tier 2 Canada Research Chair. We anticipate the tenure-track appointment starting in August 2021 and the Tier 2 Canada Research Chair appointment start date will be subject to the nomination process being successfully concluded. A major goal of this position is to attract a scholar to work collaboratively with RADIUS, SFU's nationally-recognized social innovation hub. Located on the unceded Coast Salish Territory - the traditional territories of the Squamish (Sḵw̱x̱wú7mesh Úxwumixw), Musqueam (xʷməθkʷəy̓əm), Tsleil-Waututh, Katzie, and Kwikwetlem peoples, SFU is actively building an increasingly diverse and inclusive community.

Qualifications

The successful candidate will undertake high-quality engaged research and have demonstrated potential for teaching excellence at the undergraduate and/or graduate levels in social innovation and/or social entrepreneurship, with an emphasis on topics that align with the goals and activities of RADIUS. Additionally, they will demonstrate justice, equity, diversity, and inclusion as foundational elements of their work and lives. Engagement with practice is an asset.

A Ph.D. or equivalent degree in social innovation, social entrepreneurship, or a related field/discipline is required by SFU. Candidates working in all areas of social innovation and/or social entrepreneurship, including but not limited to business, economics, sociology, history, policy, design, and technology are encouraged to apply.

SFU will nominate the hired faculty for a Tier 2 Canada Research Chair. This position is not contingent upon the candidate receiving a Tier 2 Canada Research Chair (CRC). However, alignment with the CRC nomination criteria will be part of the overall selection process.

If the candidate's Tier 2 CRC application is successful, the CRC is tenable for five years. The CRC appointment can be renewed once and is subject to the Chairholder demonstrating that they have achieved their objectives from their first term. Candidates are encouraged to review the initial appointment and chair renewal details of the [CRC Program](#). Tier 2 Chairs are intended for exceptional emerging scholars (i.e., candidate must have been an active researcher in their field for fewer than 10 years at the time of nomination). Candidates who are more than 10 years from their highest degree (and where career breaks exist, maternity or parental leave, extended sick leave, clinical training, and family care) may have their eligibility for a Tier 2 CRC assessed through the program's Tier 2 justification process; please see the [CRC website for eligibility details](#) or contact SFU [Institutional Strategic Awards](#).

Duties

The successful candidate joins Beedie's Innovation & Entrepreneurship Area. They will teach courses related to social innovation and/or social entrepreneurship and contribute to the school's collaborative academic community through service. They will also be expected to work collaboratively with RADIUS. Overall, they are expected to make significant contributions to research, teaching, graduate student supervision, and knowledge mobilization across the scholarly community, professional groups, the general public, and society.

About Beedie

The Beedie School of Business is a top ranked research school, is accredited by both AACSB and EQUIS, and is a signatory to Principles for Responsible Management Education. We offer programs at the Undergraduate, Masters, Ph.D., and Executive levels, including Canada's first Executive MBA program and North America's only EMBA in Indigenous Business Leadership. We are also home to the RADIUS social innovation lab and venture incubator. Simon Fraser University is one of just over 40 Ashoka Changemaker Campuses globally, recognizing our commitment to social responsibility and innovation.

SFU's Beedie School of Business was named following a \$22 million gift from alumnus Ryan Beedie and his father Keith in 2011. The donation has allowed the school to build on its strong reputation as a global leader in research while pursuing its strategic vision of developing innovative and socially responsible business leaders with a global perspective through education. The successful candidate will share Beedie's commitment to diversity, engagement, and generating positive change in its communities.

With three award-winning British Columbia campuses located in Burnaby, Surrey, and downtown Vancouver, Simon Fraser University offers a strong research environment in a dynamic Pacific Rim setting that is ranked by the Economist Intelligence Unit as the world's most livable city. For further details about the Beedie School of Business, visit our website at <http://www.beedie.sfu.ca/>.

About RADIUS

The RADIUS social innovation hub engages community through social innovation, social entrepreneurship, systems change, human-centred design, equity-centred design, and innovation and creativity practices *to make a more dynamic, just, sustainable, and resilient economy*. Visit the RADIUS website to learn more about their principles here: <https://radius.sfu.com/about/#principles>

Application Instructions

Any general inquiries regarding this posting may be directed to Patricia Wong, Administrative Coordinator, supporting this search at bsb_adminco@sfu.ca.

For best consideration, complete applications should be received by January 21, 2021. Screening of applications will commence on January 4, 2021.

Applications must be submitted directly to our in-house application tracking system via the link here: <https://beedie.sfu.ca/about/work-for-us>.

A complete application must include:

- cover letter
- an up-to-date, full curriculum vitae (include details of research and teaching, scholarly record, funding, and list of collaborations/partnerships)
- statement outlining the alignment of your research and teaching with social innovation and/or social entrepreneurship, and the work of RADIUS
- two examples of scholarly work
- proposed program of research (include an outline of the proposed CRC research program over five years, an explanation of how the proposed research aligns with SFU's Strategic Research plan, RADIUS, and advances social innovation and/or entrepreneurship research (2-6 pages single spaced))
- teaching evaluations and/or evidence of teaching potential
- statement outlining your commitment to impact; justice, equity, diversity and inclusion; engagement with practice; fit with SFU Beedie's [vision and values](#)

- names and email addresses of 4-5 referees (ranked in order of preference). SFU will contact referees directly.

SFU recognizes that alternative career paths and/or career interruptions (e.g. parental 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 previous institutional environment, and in curriculum, is also an asset.

Simon Fraser University encourages applications from all qualified applicants, however, Canadian citizens and permanent residents will be given priority.

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

Under the authority of the University Act personal information that is required by the University for academic appointment competitions will be collected. For further details see: http://www.sfu.ca/vpacademic/Faculty_Openings/Collection_Notice.html

We thank all candidates for their interest; however, only short-listed candidates will be contacted.