Tier 2 CRC in Digital Humanities, Department of English

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The Department of English at Simon Fraser University invites applications for a SSHRC Tier 2 Canada Research Chair in Digital Humanities with an effective start date no earlier than March 15, 2022. The successful candidate will be an exceptional emerging scholar in Digital Humanities, with strengths in Indigenous, Black, or Asian studies; critical race studies; studies in empire and colonialism; or transnational and diaspora studies. We welcome all approaches, especially those open to multiple theoretical, methodological and historical practices that embody the field's interdisciplinary, critical, collaborative, creative and experimental ethos. We invite research and teaching practices within the Digital Humanities that promote social justice, anti-racism, intersectionality, diversity, equity and accessibility.

SFU's three campuses are located on the unceded, ancestral, and traditional territories of the xʷməθkwəy̓əm (Musqueam), Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish), kʷikʷəƛ̓əm (Kwikwetlem), and Səlilwətał (Tsleil-Waututh),), q̓íc̓əy̓ (Katzie), Qayqayt, Kwantlen, Semiahmoo and Tsawwassen peoples, and our students are of diverse ethnic, cultural, linguistic, and national heritages. Recognizing the unceded traditional Coast Salish territories, we aspire to foster and honour Indigenous resurgence as well as a plurality of decolonizing and anti-racist practices. The English Department at SFU, and scholars at SFU more generally, have been leaders in experimentation and research in the Digital Humanities. The candidate will join a department committed to a vibrant culture of research and teaching. The SFU English has 26 accomplished faculty, over 500 undergraduate majors and minors, and over 60 M.A. and Ph.D. students working in all areas of English studies, with notable strengths in contemporary Canadian, Indigenous, and diasporic literatures; environmental humanities; creative writing; print culture; and the Digital Humanities. We offer classes on three campuses in the metropolitan Vancouver area, as well as comprehensive distance education courses, joint majors, and opportunities for cooperative education.

This CRC appointment opportunity is intended for exceptional emerging scholars in Digital Humanities, at the rank of Assistant Professor or Associate Professor. Appointment to the rank of Assistant or Associate Professor in the Department of English requires a PhD completed by the appointment start date. Only those eligible to be appointed or promoted to the rank will be considered.

An exceptional emerging scholar is defined as 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, such as maternity, parental or extended sick leave, clinical training, etc.) may have their eligibility for a Tier 2 Chair assessed through the program's Tier 2 justification process. Please consult the [Canada Research Chairs website](#) for full program information, including further details on eligibility criteria, or direct questions to SFU's [Institutional Strategic Awards](#) Office or Dr. Carolyn Lesjak, Chair, Department of English at englsec@sfu.ca.

The successful applicant is expected to significantly enhance the Department of English's research strengths and help sustain the collegial atmosphere within the Department. The Chair holder is expected to maintain an outstanding program of research, to make significant contributions to teaching, graduate student supervision, and the scholarly community at SFU and beyond, and to mobilize knowledge to the general public as appropriate.

This position is contingent upon the applicant receiving a Tier 2 Canada Research Chair; therefore, applicants with outstanding publication records will be considered. The position is subject to the availability of funding and to final approval by the University Board of Governors. All nominations for CRCs are subject to review and final approval by the CRC Secretariat. Simon Fraser University and the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences are committed to providing the candidate with the support required to make a strong application for the CRC. The Canada Research Chair is tenable for five years and may be renewed once. The successful candidate will have a reduced teaching load during the term of the CRC. Interested applicants are invited to review the initial appointment and chair renewal details of the CRC Program, www.chairs-chaires.gc.ca/program-programme.

Applications should include:

- a letter describing your interest in the position and your qualifications;
- a CV;
- a research statement, including an example of your Digital Humanities research;
- a scholarly publication or other suitable writing sample;
- evidence of teaching effectiveness
- confidential letters from four references sent under separate cover.

Review of applications will begin May 31, 2021 and will continue until the position is filled. All applications will be treated in confidence. Please submit all applications electronically to Dr. Carolyn Lesjak, Chair, Department of English at englsec@sfu.ca.

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.