Canada Research Chair (Tier I) in Health and Social Justice

The Department of History at the University of Saskatchewan is pleased to invite applications for a tenured Tier 1 Canada Research Chair appointment in Health and Social Justice. The Canada Research Chair (CRC) Program is the flagship of a national strategy to make Canada one of the world’s top countries in research and development (www.chairs-chaires.gc.ca).

The Canada Research Chair will bring together the study of science, medicine, and society by exploring how health and illness shape our experiences as citizens, how society prioritizes certain health policies, and how those decisions change over time. The successful candidate will enhance the University of Saskatchewan’s interdisciplinary research on health while anchoring his or her scholarship in community-based research and patient-centred approaches, emphasizing how social science and humanities research contributes to improving health care. The successful candidate will implement a vision for the chair in Health and Social Justice that includes high impact research publication; graduate mentorship; collaborative, interdisciplinary team-building; and community-engaged scholarship. The CRC will normally teach one undergraduate course per year.

The Department of History has a robust track record of training highly qualified researchers in the history of medicine and social justice. Current faculty study the history of medicine in Canada, Britain, Germany, South Africa, and China. Their thematic areas are similarly diverse, investigating long-term change in health care institutions, population control, eugenics, psychedelics, race and medicine, and mental health. A revitalized College of Medicine, a campus-wide research specialization in “One Health,” and many other related programs provide ample opportunities for interdisciplinary collaboration at the University of Saskatchewan.

With 25 faculty and over 50 graduate students, the Department of History is one of the top research-intensive and graduate degree-granting institutions in Canada (https://artsandscience.usask.ca/history/). Signature research areas include Indigenous, colonial, and post-colonial histories; the prairies and the North American West; gender and sexuality; health and medicine; environmental history; 20th century politics, culture, and foreign relations; and the history and politics of memory. The department supports a wide range of interdisciplinary and community-engaged scholarship and hosts the Community-Engaged Collaboratorium (www.communityengagedhistory.com) and the Historical GIS Lab (https://hgis.usask.ca/).

The University of Saskatchewan is one of Canada’s top 15 research-intensive universities. Its main campus is situated on Treaty 6 Territory and the Homeland of the Métis. The University of Saskatchewan is located in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, a city on the banks of the South Saskatchewan River known for its quality of life, diverse and thriving economic base, a vibrant arts community and a full range of leisure opportunities. The University has a reputation for excellence in teaching, research and scholarly activities and offers a full range of undergraduate, graduate, and professional programs to a student population of over 24,000.
Qualifications

Candidates must hold a Ph.D. in History; pursue a research specialization in the history of health and medicine; demonstrate a scholarly engagement in social justice; and be sufficiently qualified for appointment as a tenured Full Professor. We seek candidates who demonstrate excellence, creativity, and leadership in research as revealed through high quality publications, external research funding, professional leadership, and excellence in graduate and undergraduate teaching.

The successful applicant will be appointed as a tenured faculty member at the Full Professor rank in the Department of History and will be nominated for a Tier 1 Canada Research Chair. The salary band for this position is as follows: Professor: $130,925 to $152,877, with the possibility of merit-based additions. This position includes a comprehensive benefits package which includes a dental, health, and extended vision care plan; pension plan, life insurance (compulsory and voluntary), academic long term disability, sick leave, travel insurance, death benefits, an employee assistance program, a professional expense allowance, and a flexible health and wellness spending program.

How to Apply

Interested candidates must submit their application using the University’s online application portal (https://careers.usask.ca/current-opportunities.php). Complete applications will include a cover letter outlining a vision for the CRC in Health and Social Justice; a detailed curriculum vitae; a research statement; and a teaching statement. Applicants should ask three referees to send confidential letters of reference directly to history.department@usask.ca. As part of the application process, applicants will be asked to complete a voluntary employment equity survey.

Review of applications will begin January 30, 2019; however, applications will be accepted and evaluated until the position is filled. The anticipated start date is July 1, 2019.

The impact of leaves (e.g., parental leave, extended leave due to illness, etc.) will be carefully considered when reviewing the candidate’s record of research achievement. Therefore, candidates are encouraged to explain in their application how career interruptions may have impacted them. The University of Saskatchewan is committed to supporting employees in need of accommodation in an employment context. For more information on the University of Saskatchewan’s accommodation policy, please contact Cristina.Herman@usask.ca (306-966-6278).

All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply. The University encourages applications from members of the four designated equity groups (women, members of a visible minority, Indigenous persons, and persons with disabilities). Applications from women are especially encouraged and will be given priority. The University of Saskatchewan relies on section 48 of The Saskatchewan Human Rights Code to give preference in employment for this position. Recruitment will be guided by the Canada Research Chairs Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Practices (www.chairs-chaires.gc.ca/program-programme/equity-equite/index-eng.aspx) and by the strong commitment of the University of Saskatchewan and the Department of History to diversity, inclusion, and equity.

For questions related to this position or the selection process, please contact Dr. Geoff Cunfer at history.department@usask.ca or (306) 966-7969.
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The University of Saskatchewan is strongly committed to a diverse and inclusive workplace that empowers all employees to reach their full potential. All members of the university community share a responsibility for developing and maintaining an environment in which differences are valued and inclusiveness is practiced. The university welcomes applications from those who will contribute to the diversity of our community.