

# Law and Mental Health - Tier 2 Canada Research Chair

## University of Ottawa

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The University of Ottawa is seeking for applicants for a Tier 2 Canada Research Chair (CRC) in Law and Mental Health. We are looking for an outstanding researcher to lead an interdisciplinary research program on the multifaceted relationship between law and mental health. Whether it is consent to care, psychiatric assessment or access to justice, people living with mental health issues have continual interaction with the law. Such interaction, concerning civil law and individuals' rights, administrative law, labour law and criminal law, raises important ethical, sociolegal and political issues related to restraint and confinement measures, psychiatric care programs, respect for procedural safeguards and advocacy.

The objective of the chair is to increase the intensity and impact of research in the area of law and mental health, while making a meaningful contribution to the community. The successful applicant will receive a regular, tenure track position in the Faculty of Law, Civil Law Section, where he or she will be expected to play a major leadership role in research and in training of graduate students. The Chairholder will also be expected to help strengthen our local, national and international partnerships and to collaborate with the Centre for Health, Policy: and Ethics, the Canada Research Chair on Occupational Health and Safety Law, and the Human Rights Research and Education Centre.

### **Program description**

**Tier 2 Chairs**, tenable for five years and renewable once, are for **exceptional emerging researchers**, acknowledged by their peers as having the potential to lead in their field. For each Tier 2 Chair, the institution receives \$100,000 annually for five years, with an additional \$20,000 annual research stipend for first-term Tier 2 Chairs.

Candidates should, at a minimum, be assistant or associate professors, or possess the necessary qualifications to be appointed to these levels. Postdoctoral Fellows paid in whole or in part by funds administered by the University of Ottawa are not eligible to apply. Candidates who are more than 10 years from their highest degree must contact the University of Ottawa directly for questions related to their potential eligibility for a Tier 2 Chair. The institution may nominate a professor or a researcher who is more than 10 years from their highest degree at the time of nomination and has experienced legitimate career interruptions (see acceptable justifications). In such cases, the institution must submit to the Secretariat a formal justification (using the Tier 2 Justification Screening Form), explaining why the nominee is still considered to be an emerging scholar. The University recognizes the legitimate impact that leaves (e.g., parental leave, leave due to illness) can have on a candidate's record of research achievement and that these leaves will be taken into careful consideration during the assessment process. New CRC nominees are also eligible for infrastructure support from the Canada Foundation for Innovation (CFI) to help acquire state-of-the-art equipment essential to their work.

### **Description of the Faculty of Law**

The University of Ottawa **Faculty of Law**, with 33 professors in the Civil Law Section, over 70 professors in the Common Law Section, five research centres, 14 chairs and two laboratories, provides an outstanding intellectual environment for our students, researchers and professors. Our graduate programs include a general master's (LLM) and many master's with concentrations, including in health law, policy and ethics; global sustainability and environmental law; international trade and foreign investment; feminist and gender studies; notarial law; and law and technology; as well as a PhD in law.

The **Civil Law Section** has established a long tradition of innovative, influential legal teaching and research, and openness to the world. Our professors benefit from the Section being strategically located within the heart of the University of Ottawa and Canada's capital, a forum for exchange and a meeting point for various legal traditions, firstly, civil law, but also common law, as well as several Indigenous legal traditions. Using primarily French, but also several other languages, our legal scholars and researchers lead projects and research teams large and small, working closely with researchers in many other disciplines and building on major national and international research networks. Touching on topics as diverse as health, the environment, artificial intelligence, children's rights, legal diversity and pluralism, ethics and the judiciary, and the economy and social justice, the research conducted in the Civil Law Section not only contributes to knowledge creation in law and social sciences, but also has a considerable impact on legal reform and public policy, locally and internationally.

**Preferential Hiring:**

The University of Ottawa strongly supports a workplace environment that removes disparities experienced by the designated groups in Canada: women, Indigenous peoples, persons with disabilities and members of visible minorities, as defined in the *Employment Equity Act*. In a preferential hiring, only applications from members of those groups are considered and assessed for the vacancy. Candidates from these groups who wish to qualify for preferential consideration must fill the following self-identification form. The purpose of this measure is to improve the representation of the four designated groups in the allocation of Canada Research Chair positions.

**Required Qualifications:**

A PhD or equivalent, superior research achievements in law and mental health, proof of interdisciplinary collaborations, a solid record with respect to teaching and training of students at the graduate level, the ability to obtain external research funds, excellent oral and written communication skills in French. A passive knowledge of English would be an asset.

**Rank and salary:**

Regular tenure-track academic appointment in the Faculty of Law - Civil Law section. This position is governed by a collective agreement between the University of Ottawa and the Association of Professors of the University of Ottawa.

**Application Package: [Insert standard text below]**

- A cover letter;
- An up-to-date curriculum vitae (please include career interruptions such as parental or sick leaves that may have impacted your record of research. These will be taken into consideration in the selection process);
- A research plan (2 to 3 pages);
- A statement of teaching interests (1 to 2 pages); and
- The names of three people who may be contacted by the University for letters of reference which will follow the Canada Research Chairs guidelines (i.e. one arm's length and two who are not affiliated to the University of Ottawa unless they are the candidate's PhD or postdoctoral supervisor).

**Deadline: October 18th, 2019**

The selection process will begin in October and will continue until the position is filled. Only candidates selected for an interview will be contacted. Please send the application package to the following address or by email to:

Dr. Sylvain Charbonneau, Vice-President, Research University of Ottawa  
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Email: [rcca-coord@uOttawa.ca](mailto:rcca-coord@uOttawa.ca)

*If you are invited to continue the selection process, please notify us of any particular adaptive measures you might require by contacting the Office of the Associate Vice-President, Faculty Affairs at 613-562-5958. The Canada Research Chairs Program imposes no restrictions on nominees with regard to nationality or country of residence. Procedures to allow non-Canadian chairholders to work in Canada have been established by Employment and Social Development Canada and Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada.*

*The University of Ottawa is justly proud of its 160-year tradition of bilingualism. Through its Official Languages and Bilingualism Institute, the University provides training to staff members and their spouses in their second official language. At the time of tenure, professors are expected to be able to function in a bilingual setting. In certain cases, professors must have the ability to teach in both official languages to be granted tenure.*