

Environmental Change and Arctic Shipping - Tier 1 Canada Research Chair

University of Ottawa

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The University of Ottawa is seeking applicants for a Tier 1 Canada Research Chair (CRC) in Environmental Change and Arctic Shipping. We are looking for an outstanding researcher to lead an interdisciplinary research program to investigate the cascading transportation, social and political consequences of environmental change in the Arctic. With the Arctic warming at three times the rate of the global average, sea routes across the global Arctic (i.e. Arctic Bridge, Northwest Passage, Northern Sea Route, Trans Polar Route) are becoming a reality in terms of navigability, cost and risk. The opening of Arctic maritime trade routes will create opportunities and challenges for Canada and the world including an increase in economic and infrastructure development, changing global power dynamics, introduction of invasive species and other environmental problems, potential fuel spills, and effects on local communities and traditional ways of life, sustainability and resilience practices.

The successful applicant will hold a regular, tenure track position in the Faculty of Arts, where she or he is expected to play a major leadership role in research and in training graduate students. The objective of the chair is to deepen the University of Ottawa's reputation as a centre of excellence in environmental, Arctic, and Indigenous research. The Chairholder will play a key role in broadening the University of Ottawa's international relationships and partnerships, particularly given that the Arctic is a focal point of international attention and competition. Located on the ancestral land of the Algonquin people, the University of Ottawa's is in the National Capital Region and its strong connections with ArcticNet, the Arctic Science Partnership (ASP), the University of the Arctic and other ongoing initiatives centered in Ottawa (i.e. federal initiatives and links to Arctic Council) provide numerous opportunities for international collaborations. The Chairholder will be instrumental in maintaining Canada's scientific leadership in the Arctic, particularly in respect to shipping, Arctic Ocean governance and socio-economic change in Indigenous communities.

Tier 1 Chairs, tenable for seven years and renewable once, are for outstanding researchers acknowledged by their peers as world leaders in their fields. For each Tier 1 Chair, the institution receives \$200,000 annually for seven years. Nominees for Tier 1 Chair positions must be full professors or associate professors who are expected to be promoted to the full professor level within one or two years of the nomination. Alternatively, if they come from outside the academic sector, nominees must possess the necessary qualifications to be appointed at these levels. 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.

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Preferential Hiring

The University of Ottawa is committed to ensuring equity, diversity and inclusion in the scholarly and leadership environments of our students, staff, and faculty. Accordingly, we strongly encourage applications from members of the four designated groups such as Indigenous persons, visible minorities, persons with disabilities, and women, as defined in the [*Employment Equity Act*](#), and from all qualified candidates with the skills and knowledge to productively engage with equitable, diverse and inclusive communities. As part of this preferential hiring process, applications from members

of the four designated groups will be prioritized and assessed first for the vacancy. Candidates who wish to qualify for preferential consideration are required to fill the self-identification form.

The purpose of this measure is to increase the representation of the four designated groups in the allocation of Canada Research Chair positions.

Required Qualifications

A PhD or equivalent, outstanding independent research achievements in the CRC's identified area(s), a solid record with respect to teaching and training of students at the graduate level, and a strong record of external research funding, excellent communication skills in either English or French. A passive knowledge of the other official language would be an asset.

Rank and salary

Regular tenure-track academic appointment in the Faculty of Arts. 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

- 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);
- The names of three people who may be contacted by the University for letters of reference which will follow the [Canada Research Chairs guidelines](#) (all three arm's length and one international); and
- Self-identification form (see Preferential Hiring section above).

Deadline: May 30, 2020.

The selection process will begin in June 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:

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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 Vice-Provost, Faculty Relations 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.

Notice of Collection of Personal Information

In accordance with the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (Ontario) and with University Policy 90, your personal information is collected under the authority of the University of Ottawa Act, 1965 and is intended to be used for the purpose of and those consistent with your employment application and the administration of your employment relationship, if established. If you have any questions regarding this collection of personal information, please contact Office of the Vice-Provost, Faculty Relations at (613) 562-5958 or by email at vra.affairesprofessorales@uottawa.ca.