



# ACADIA

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*Located in Wolfville, Nova Scotia, Acadia University is recognized as an outstanding academic institution. Founded in 1838, it is one of Canada's oldest and most respected universities and offers a liberal arts education unique among post-secondary institutions. Acadia offers a stimulating, vibrant environment, on and off campus, where dedicated faculty inspire and challenge students to be their best through supportive personalized learning environments, holistic education and nurturing community engagement.*

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### **CRC TIER 2 IN AGRI-FOOD AND SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE**

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#### **Position # 40019**

Acadia University invites applications for a Tier 2 Canada Research Chair (CRC) in Agri-Food and Sustainable Agriculture. Tier 2 chairholders are exceptional emerging world-class scholars acknowledged by their peers as having the potential to achieve international recognition in their field. We seek an active researcher who will develop an original, innovative research program of high quality and bring a collaborative, multi/trans-disciplinary approach to this position.

This Chair will be based primarily in the Faculty of Pure and Applied Science and will be an integral part of a growing collaborative research group focused on agri-food, agri-tech, sustainable agriculture and food systems. The Chair will have demonstrated leadership in one or more of the scientific fields of biology, chemistry, environmental science, food and nutrition and data analytics. Acadia has significant agriculture-related research strengths, including food and nutrition, food product development and sensory analysis, beverage and natural product chemistry, plant development and grape propagation, fungal biology, aquatic ecosystem health, data analytics and integrated pest management. Our rich, collaborative research activities in the agri-food and agriculture sector combines expertise from several disciplines in pure and applied science with business, community development, and sociology.

Candidates should indicate how they will offer research leadership and diversify the portfolio of sustainable agriculture-related research at Acadia and nationally. The Chair will develop and strengthen relationships with regional and national stakeholders and seek external funding to enhance research opportunities and attract diverse new scholars at the undergraduate, graduate and postdoctoral levels. The Chair will play an important role in elevating Acadia's national and global contributions in research and knowledge dissemination in the agriculture sector.

The Selection Committee will evaluate candidates on the following criteria: 1) demonstrated ability as an emerging world-class researcher who has established research creativity in the CRC theme area; 2) the potential to achieve international recognition in a relevant field in the next five to ten years; 3) the potential to attract, develop and retain excellent trainees, students and future researchers; and 4) the proposal of an original, innovative high quality research program.

The successful candidate will be nominated by Acadia University to the CRC Program for a five-year, one-time renewable appointment. The nomination may be submitted as early as October 2021, with a CRC decision notice to follow six months later. Nominees for Tier 2 positions are intended to be emerging scholars with positions at Assistant or Associate Professor level, or with qualifications necessary to be appointed to these levels. Applicants are normally expected to have completed their highest degree within the last ten years; however, in certain instances, candidates that do not fit this criterion may have their eligibility assessed through a Tier 2 justification. Acadia University recognizes the legitimate impact that career interruptions and personal circumstances can have on a candidate's record of research achievement. Career interruptions and leaves will be taken into careful consideration during the assessment process.

Interested candidates should review the eligibility guidelines for the CRC program to ensure they meet the CRC Tier 2 criteria. Full details on eligibility criteria can be found at <http://www.chairs-chaires.gc.ca/program-programme/index-eng.aspx>. For a more complete description of the context of and expectation for this CRC position, please visit the full [Position Profile](#).

Acadia University is committed to employment equity, diversity and inclusion (EDI). As part of our strategic priority to advance EDI, this is a focused search for women, Black, Indigenous (Canadian) or persons of colour. Acadia encourages applications from all qualified candidates in these groups including persons of any sexual orientation, gender identity and/or expression, persons with disabilities, and other equity-recognized groups. Candidates who identify as being from any of these groups are asked to self-identify as part of their application package (see

below). We welcome international applications; however, priority will be given to Canadian citizens and permanent residents.

**Applications should include the following:**

- A letter of application describing how the applicant meets the criteria for the CRC
- A detailed *curriculum vitae* including a statement on the candidate's experience in and approach to training and mentoring diverse students
- A summary of current research, teaching, professional service, and outreach
- A writing sample such as a peer-reviewed article or chapter
- An outline of an innovative research proposal (max 3 pages); the proposal should be placed in the context of the Acadia [Strategic Research Plan](#)
- A statement of the candidate's self-identification in relation to the focused groups
- A statement on the candidate's strengths and experiences in enhancing equity, diversity, and inclusion in an institutional environment
- The names and contact information of three referees who can be contacted should the applicant be short-listed

Candidates are asked to submit their application in **one pdf file to: Dr. Suzie Currie, Dean, Faculty of Pure and Applied Science and Chair, Selection Committee, Acadia University, Wolfville, Nova Scotia B4P 2R6, Tel: (902) 599-3328, [suzie.currie@acadiau.ca](mailto:suzie.currie@acadiau.ca)**

Acadia welcomes and encourages applications from people with disabilities. Accommodations are available upon request for all candidates taking part in all aspects of the selection process. To confidentially request accommodations, please contact Patti Davis, Administrative Manager, Faculty of Pure and Applied Science at [patti.davis@acadiau.ca](mailto:patti.davis@acadiau.ca)

**Closing date: 1 April 2021**

The Canada Research Chairs program imposes no restrictions on nominees with regards 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](#).