



Law and Society Program

Assistant Professor

24 Months - Contractually Limited Term (CLT)

Position # 11500

Acadia University is in Mtaban, Mi'kmaki, the ancestral and unceded territory of the Mi'kmaw, Wolastoqiyik, and Peskotomuhkati (Passamaquoddy) people. The University is committed to upholding the spirit and tenets of the Treaties of Peace and Friendship.

Acadia also respects the historical and contemporary contributions of African Nova Scotians to the land, culture, and life of the region.

The Position:

The Law and Society Program invites applications for a 2-year Contractually Limited Term appointment at the rank of Assistant Professor. The start date for this position is July 1, 2024.

As the successful applicant, you will be responsible for teaching [five undergraduate courses](#) each year. In the first year the courses will be: two sections of LAWS 1003 Introduction to Law and Society, two sections of LAWS 3013 Special Topics in Law and Society, and one section of LAWS 4003 Issues in Law and Society. There will be the opportunity to design three courses that reflect your teaching and research interests in Law and Society (LAWS 3013 (x2) and LAWS 4003). Enrollment in each course section is anticipated to be 40 students for LAWS 1003, 30 students for LAWS 3013, and 10 students for LAWS 4003.

We welcome applicants from all areas encompassing the field of Law and Society. Expertise in Indigenous law, race and law, or critical approaches to criminal law and justice are preferred.

Academic Qualifications:

Qualified applicants with a PhD in Sociolegal Studies, Interdisciplinary Studies, or disciplines relevant to Law and Society, or are near completion of their degree in one of these disciplines, will be preferred. Applicants with a JD/LLB/MA, in addition to relevant professional or teaching experience, will be considered.

Workplace Environment:

[Law and Society](#) is a new, vibrant, and rapidly growing program at Acadia University that welcomed its first cohort of majors in fall 2023. In addition to a core set of Law and Society courses, the program draws from cross-listed courses from across the University, offering students the opportunity to study the relationship between law and society through multiple disciplinary and methodological approaches. Faculty contributing to the program are appointed in multiple academic units in the Faculties of Arts and Professional Studies.

How to Apply:

Candidates are asked to submit their application in a single PDF document to Faculty.Careers@AcadiaU.ca. Receipt of the application will be acknowledged via email. Applications should include the following:

- Position number (include in the subject of the submission email).
- A cover letter describing how the applicant meets the criteria for appointment.
- A *curriculum vitae*.
- A statement describing teaching potential and/or experience, including how the applicant's approach to teaching supports the education of a diversity of students. The selection committee recognizes that teaching effectiveness can be demonstrated in multiple ways.
- A statement describing research experience, service experience and/or potential, and ways in which the applicant's teaching and/or research can contribute to the development of the Law and Society Program.
- The names and email/phone contact information of three references (to be contacted if short-listed).

Acadia University invites applications from all qualified individuals; however, Canadians and permanent residents shall be given priority. The University encourages applications from Indigenous people; African Canadians; African Nova Scotians; persons with disabilities; visible minorities; women; persons of any minority sexuality, gender identity or gender expression; and all intersections of these identities. Acadia embraces the principles of equity, diversity, and inclusion as fundamental in creating an expansive academic environment and champions diverse knowledge systems as pillars of academic excellence.

All applicants are **required** to submit an online [Employment Equity Self-Identification Form](#) as part of their application package. All information provided will be held in strict confidence by Human Resources (and is not seen by the Committee) and processed in accordance with the relevant articles of the 16th Collective Agreement between the faculty association and the university administration. Self-identification data collected for a given employment competition will be destroyed after all requirements to preserve documentation for that competition have expired. Only candidates who have submitted a self-identification form can be considered as members of designated groups. **The form provides the option of self-identifying based on the applicant's comfort level. Please note that failure to complete the form by the closing date will result in the disqualification of your application.**

Please note that only short-listed candidates will be contacted.

Closing Date: March 29, 2024

Questions regarding the position can be addressed to:

Dr. Erin Crandall, Chair of the Selection Committee
Associate Professor and Coordinator, Law and Society Program
Acadia University
Email: erin.crandall@acadiau.ca

Accessibility Statement:

Acadia University strives to be an equitable and inclusive community, and proactively seeks to increase diversity among its community members. The University will provide support in its recruitment processes to applicants with disabilities, including accommodation that considers an applicant's accessibility needs. If you require any accommodations, at any point during the application and hiring process, please contact Dr. Erin Crandall, Chair of the Selection Committee (erin.crandall@acadiau.ca).

Benefits:

As outlined in the 16th Collective Agreement between the faculty association and the University Board of Governors, Acadia faculty receive a range of benefits, including a defined benefit pension plan, yearly professional development funds, dental/vision insurance, professional insurance and registration fees, health insurance to complement the public system, and internal research funding opportunities. The University provides relocation expenses, dependent on the distance moved. For further information on salary and benefits, please see the [16th Collective Agreement](#).

About Acadia University and its Surrounding Community:

Acadia University is one of Canada's premier undergraduate universities, offering 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. Academic innovation and a technology-rich teaching and learning environment have garnered the university a reputation for excellence. Our workplace is located only one hour from Halifax in Nova Scotia's beautiful Annapolis Valley. With a commitment to sustainability, the region offers locally-crafted artisan food and beverage, with many communities embracing organic, fair-trade, and farm-to-table ideals. There is a small, and vibrant, francophone community in the Annapolis Valley, and the university campus is situated 6 km from Grand-Pré National Historic Site, a UNESCO World Heritage Site that commemorates and celebrates Acadian contributions to the region.