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## **TIER 2 CANADA RESEARCH CHAIR: HEALTHY INCLUSIVE COMMUNITIES**

Position # 40018: Acadia University invites applications for a Tier 2 Canada Research Chair (CRC) in Healthy Inclusive Communities. Tier 2 chairholders are exceptional emerging researchers acknowledged by their peers as having the potential to lead in their field. We seek an active researcher who will bring a collaborative, multi-disciplinary approach to this position.

The Chair will be housed in the School of Kinesiology, working with the [Centre of Lifestyle Studies \(COLS\)](#), whose mission addresses the personal, social, ecological and economic benefits associated with pursuing healthy lifestyles, in a *variety of societal contexts and across the lifespan*. Two flagship programs from the Centre of Lifestyle Studies (COLS) and the School of Kinesiology are the [Sensory Motor Instructional Leadership Experience \(SMILE\)](#) and the Acadia Active Aging (AAA) program. Candidates should indicate how they might offer research leadership to these and other programs and how they might develop and strengthen relationships with various stakeholders to enhance programming for inclusive physical activity opportunities for diverse participants including those with physical and other disabilities. Ideally, the Chair will develop a research program involving intersectoral interest and expertise on campus and partner with local, national and international communities active in building healthy, inclusive and equitable communities that will attract scholars, trainees and students.

The selection committee will evaluate candidates on the following criteria: 1) demonstrated ability as an emerging world-class researcher who has established particular research creativity; 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 research program of high quality.

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 April 2020, 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 a PhD completed within the last ten years; however, in certain instances, candidates may have their eligibility assessed through a [Tier 2 justification](#). Applicants are encouraged to indicate any career interruptions for parental, medical and/or family care and community commitments.

Candidates must submit a curriculum vitae that covers areas of teaching, professional service, outreach, mentoring and research training; a summary of current research; and, in keeping with the Canada Research Chair nomination form guidelines, an outline of an innovative research proposal (max 6 pages). Acadia welcomes diverse research methodologies and activities and candidates are encouraged to position them centrally within their application. The proposal should be placed in the context of the Acadia University [Strategic Research Plan](#). Further, the application should include a writing sample. The sample can be a published article or chapter, or evidence of professional or community-based research in published or other media, including oral forums. Candidates are also encouraged to submit a statement identifying their strengths and experiences in promoting diversity in their institutional environments.

Potential candidates should review the eligibility guidelines for the Canada Research Chairs program to ensure they meet the criteria. Full details on eligibility criteria can be found at: <http://www.chairs-chaires.gc.ca/program-programme/index-eng.aspx>. For a fuller description of the context of and expectation for this CRC go to the [complete position profile](#).

Applicants are to identify three referees at the time of application (with phone and email information) that can be contacted should the applicant be short-listed. Candidates are asked to submit their application in one pdf file to: Dr. Ann Vibert, Dean, Faculty of Professional Studies and Chair, Selection Committee, Acadia University, Wolfville, Nova Scotia B4P 2R6, Tel: (902) 585-1489, [ann.vibert@acadiu.ca](mailto:ann.vibert@acadiu.ca).

The university welcomes applicants with disabilities and will provide accommodation that takes into account an applicant's accessibility needs. If you require accommodation because of a disability or for any other reason during the interview process, please contact the Chair of the Selection Committee.

**Closing date: December 11, 2019**

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](#).

*The University invites applications from all qualified individuals. Acadia University is committed to employment equity and diversity in the workplace and welcomes applications from Aboriginal people, African Nova Scotians, persons with disabilities, visible minorities, women, and persons of any minority sexual orientation or gender identity. Consistent with the principles of employment equity, the primary criterion for appointment to a position is academic and professional excellence. Candidates who identify as a member of one of the aforementioned groups, and who wish to have the application considered as such, should complete the [Employment Equity Voluntary Self-Identification Form](#) as part of their application package.*