

Employment opportunities for leadership positions & faculty

Canada Research Chair, Tier II

Assistant or Associate Professor

History - Faculty of Humanities

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The [History Department](#) and [School of Environmental Studies](#) at the University of Victoria invite applications for a Canada Research Chair (CRC) Tier 2 (early career) in Climate and/or Ocean History. For this CRC Tier 2 position, all geographical and temporal specializations will be considered. This CRC recruitment is part of a broad strategy to expand and raise the profile of research in climate change and environmental sustainability. The successful applicant will be nominated by the University for a CRC Tier 2 and, upon approval by the CRC Secretariat, will then be offered a position at the rank of Assistant or Associate Professor, eligible for tenure. The anticipated start date is January 1, 2021.

The [University of Victoria](#) is an international leader in climate and ocean research, hosting Ocean Networks Canada, the Pacific Institute for Climate Solutions, the Pacific Climate Impacts Consortium, the Water and Climate Impacts Research Centre, the Human Dimensions of Climate Change undergraduate minor, as well as dozens of faculty who specialize in oceans and climate research. This position will be cross-appointed between the Department of History and the interdisciplinary School of Environmental Studies.

The successful candidate will bring a significant and innovative program of research and graduate supervision in the area of climate and/or ocean history and a demonstrated commitment to interdisciplinarity and collaborative research. They will teach courses on Environmental and Climate/Ocean history cross-listed between History and Environmental Studies, and supervise graduate students in both units. In addition, the holder of this chair will play a leading role in framing research initiatives and collaborative grant applications connecting the environmental humanities to related research in the sciences and social sciences.

Requirements

Candidates will be evaluated on the following criteria. The successful candidate will have a PhD; will be an emerging world-class researcher in the field of Climate and/or Ocean History who demonstrates particular research creativity; will have a commitment to interdisciplinarity and collaborative research; and will be proposing an original, innovative research program of high quality with the potential to achieve international recognition. The successful candidate will offer evidence of high-quality teaching and supervision, including support of diversity and inclusiveness.

Tier 2 CRC Chairs are one of Canada's premier early career recognition and recruitment programs and are intended for exceptional emerging scholars (i.e., candidates must have been an active researcher in their field for fewer than 10 years at the time of nomination). Applicants who are more than 10 years from having earned their highest degree (and where career breaks exist) may have their eligibility for a Tier 2 Chair assessed through the program's Tier 2 [justification process](#). For more information on the CRC program generally and on eligibility specifically, please consult the [Canada Research Chairs website](#).

The University of Victoria is consistently ranked in the top tier of Canada's research-intensive universities. Vital impact drives the UVic sense of purpose. As an internationally renowned teaching and research hub, we tackle essential issues that matter to people, places and the planet. Situated in the Pacific Rim, our location breeds a profound passion for exploration. Defined by its edges, this extraordinary environment inspires us to defy boundaries, discover, and innovate in exciting ways. It's different here, naturally and by design. We live, learn, work and explore on the edge of what's next—for our planet and its peoples. Our commitment to research-inspired dynamic learning and vital impact make this Canada's most extraordinary environment for discovery and innovation. Experience the edge of possibilities for yourself.

Additional information

Faculty and Librarians at the University of Victoria are governed by the provisions of the [Collective Agreement](#). Members are represented by the University of Victoria [Faculty Association](#).

Please note that reference and background checks, including credential and degree verification, may be undertaken as part of this recruitment process.

Contact information

Candidates should submit: a cover letter describing how their work meets the advertised criteria and will complement the existing strengths of the two units; CV; up to 4-page statement of current and future research; 2-page statement on teaching experience, teaching philosophy, and their track record of supporting diversity and inclusiveness in teaching and research; and contact information for three referees, all in a single pdf file, to John Lutz, Chair of the Search Committee, at jlutz@uvic.ca.

Equity statement

UVic is committed to upholding the values of equity, diversity, and inclusion in our living, learning and work environments. In pursuit of our values, we seek members who will work respectfully and constructively with differences and across levels of power. We actively encourage applications from members of groups experiencing barriers to equity. [Read our full equity statement](#).

The University acknowledges the potential impact that career interruptions can have on a candidate's record of research achievement. We encourage applicants to explain in their application the impact that career interruptions have had on their record.

The University of Victoria is an equity employer and encourages applications from women, persons with disabilities, visible minorities, Aboriginal Peoples, people of all sexual orientations and genders, and others who may contribute to the further diversification of the University.

Persons with disabilities, who anticipate needing accommodation for any part of the application and hiring process, may contact Faculty Relations and Academic Administration in the Office of the VP Academic and Provost at FRrecruit@uvic.ca. Any personal information provided will be maintained in confidence.

All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply; in accordance with Canadian Immigration requirements, Canadians and permanent residents will be given priority. Please indicate in your application package if you are a Canadian citizen or permanent resident.

The University acknowledges with respect the Songhees, Esquimalt and WSÁNEĆ peoples on whose traditional territory the university stands and whose historical relationships with the land continue to this day.