

# Canada Research Chair (Tier 2)

## in Political Ecology

### Tenure-track

#### Environmental Studies - Faculty of Social Sciences

The [School of Environmental Studies](#), located on the traditional territories of the Songhees, Esquimalt and WSÁNEĆ peoples, invites applications for a Tier 2 Canada Research Chair in Political Ecology.

The interdisciplinary field of Political Ecology critically investigates the social, political, economic and cultural dimensions of environmental challenges to develop solutions that are effective because they are responsive to not only technical and ecological but social and political realities. Political Ecology has consistently (but not exclusively) focused on environmental challenges faced and overcome by Indigenous and local communities, emphasizing the vital intertwining of social and ecological considerations embedded in their resistance and the solutions that arise from it.

The School of Environmental Studies is supported by three overlapping streams of scholarship: political ecology, ethnoecology, and ecological restoration. We are a relatively small group and depend on close cooperation, mutual respect and camaraderie for our flourishing. We seek a political ecologist who is working in interdisciplinary contexts, preferably with Indigenous and/or local communities.

The successful applicant will be nominated by the University for a Tier 2 Canada Research Chair and, upon approval of the Chair by the CRC Secretariat, will then be offered a tenure-track appointment at the rank of Assistant or Associate Professor at the University (rank will be determined as per the Faculty of Social Sciences evaluation policy). The anticipated start date for this position is July 1, 2019.

## Requirements

The successful candidate will:

- have an earned PhD in a relevant discipline;
- be an emerging world-class researcher in the field of political ecology who demonstrates particular research creativity;
- has a critical understanding of the complex environmental challenges involving the interaction of social and biophysical systems;
- be proposing an original, innovative research program of high quality with the potential to achieve international recognition; and

- offer evidence of high-quality teaching and supervision, and of high-impact research that is responsive to and respectful of the needs of Indigenous and/or local communities.

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). However, 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.

## **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](#).

## **Contact information**

Applications should be submitted in a single PDF containing:

- a cover letter providing an overview of the candidate's qualifications and how they fulfill the criteria defined above;
- a detailed curriculum vitae;
- a detailed description of the candidate's proposed research program, including an assessment of impact of previous research and proposed research and a statement on how their research will complement and extend existing research capacity in the School;
- samples of relevant published writing or other relevant materials;
- a teaching dossier, including evidence of teaching effectiveness; and
- contact information for three referees.

Please submit your application by e-mail to: [esapps@uvic.ca](mailto:esapps@uvic.ca)

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

Questions regarding the position may be directed to:

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Director, School of Environmental Studies  
[ses@uvic.ca](mailto:ses@uvic.ca)

## **Application deadline**

**May 1, 2018**

## **Equity statement**

The University of Victoria is an equity employer and encourages applications from women, persons with disabilities, members of visible minorities, Aboriginal Peoples, people of all sexual orientations and genders, and others who may contribute to the further diversification of the University. All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply; however, in accordance with Canadian Immigration requirements, Canadians and permanent residents will be given priority.

Persons with disabilities who anticipate needing accommodations for any part of the application and hiring process may contact [Pamela Richards](#), Director of Faculty Relations and Academic Administration 250-721-7016. Any personal information provided will be maintained in confidence.