

# Canada Research Chair (Tier 1)

## In Indigenous Nationhood

### Anthropology--Faculty of Social Sciences

The Department of Anthropology in partnership with the Indigenous Nationhood Graduate Program invites applications for a Tier 1 Canada Research Chair in Indigenous Nationhood. Located on the traditional territories of the Songhees, Esquimalt and W̱SÁNEĆ peoples, the University of Victoria is working to make a vital impact by building an extraordinary environment that promotes mutual respect and understanding, and fosters new Indigenous programming that cuts across traditional disciplines.

We seek an innovative world-class researcher whose accomplishments have made a major impact in the field of Indigenous Nationhood. We encourage applications from outstanding, innovative researchers whose work engages with Indigenous relationships with the land and sea--including notions of 'place', belonging, cultural landscapes, borders, and land tenure; and to issues of power and its manifestations--including engagement with land rights, the legacies of colonialism, human rights, the positionality of knowledge and ethics, or the politics of knowledge production and circulation.

Tier 1 chair-holders are outstanding researchers acknowledged by their peers as world leaders in their fields. In addition to the Canada Research Chair strengthening the relationship between the [Department of Anthropology](#) and the [Indigenous Nationhood Graduate Certificate](#), the CRC in Indigenous Nationhood will also contribute to the Anthropology Department's research theme of [Space, Place, Knowledge, Power](#).

Our Department has long acknowledged the problematic relationship between the discipline of anthropology and colonialism and we continue our efforts to contribute positively to Indigenous nations, communities, languages and cultures. The CRC in Indigenous Nationhood is broadly interdisciplinary, and may engage a wide range of temporal and geographic contexts.

We seek an accomplished colleague who will join us in this journey of respectful engagement in developing research directly relevant to and in relationship with Indigenous communities. The Chair in Indigenous Nationhood will, through an outstanding, ongoing program of research and graduate training, contribute to UVic's commitment to implement the Faculty of [Social Sciences Indigenous Plan](#), and the [University of Victoria's Indigenous Plan](#).

## Requirements

The successful candidate will:

- Be a world-class researcher in the field of Indigenous Nationhood
- Have an active, original, innovative program of high quality, internationally recognized research and a vision for its future directions
- Have research that is responsive to and respectful of the needs of Indigenous communities and students
- Contribute positively to the respectful and inclusive culture of the Department of Anthropology
- Demonstrate excellence in teaching and graduate supervision
- Have earned a PhD in a relevant discipline

Consistent with Tier 1 CRC criteria, the selection committee will evaluate candidates based on: 1) their international recognition as leaders in their fields; 2) an original, innovative proposed research program of the highest quality; 3) superior record of attracting and supervising graduate students and mentoring scholars; and 4) their track record related to increasing diversity in their previous institutional environment, and in curriculum.

## Additional information

UVic provides support and mentorship to Indigenous students and faculty through the Office of Indigenous Academic and Community Engagement ([IACE](#)) (located in the [First Peoples House](#)), the Centre for Indigenous Research and Community-Led Engagement ([CIRCLE](#)), and the Indigenous Studies Program (which includes [LE, NONET](#)), among other initiatives.

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](#).

The successful applicant will be nominated by the University of Victoria for a Tier 1 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 Associate or Full 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 January 1, 2020.

## Contact Information

Application materials should include:

- A cover letter providing an overview of the candidate's qualifications and how they fulfill the above-listed criteria
- A curriculum vitae
- A two-page statement outlining the innovative and original proposed research program envisioned for the Tier 1 chairship and its potential to attract funding, contribute to student training, and have vital impact.

- A teaching statement or dossier that documents the applicant's experience in and approach to training and mentoring diverse students, and teaching effectiveness, with an emphasis on experiences at the graduate level
- Contact information for at least three referees

Please submit your application as attachments to an e-mail sent to: [anthapps@uvic.ca](mailto:anthapps@uvic.ca).

Questions regarding the position can be addressed to the Anthropology Department chair (Dr. April Nowell) or the Indigenous Nationhood Graduate Certificate Program Director (Dr. Heidi Stark) at the above e-mail address.

## Application Deadline

September 10, 2018 @ 4pm (PST)

## Equity Statement

The University of Victoria is an equity employer and encourages applications from women, persons with disabilities, members of visible minorities, Indigenous Peoples, people of all sexual orientations and genders, and others who may contribute to further diversification of the university. Persons who anticipate needing accommodations for any part of the application and hiring process may contact Pamela Richards, Director Faculty Relations at (250) 721-7010 or [directorfacultyrelations@uvic.ca](mailto:directorfacultyrelations@uvic.ca) . Any personal information provided will be maintained in confidence. 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.

Applications from non-Canadians are welcome but in accordance with Canadian Immigration requirements, Canadians and permanent residents will be given priority.