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Canada Research Chair, Tier I

Assistant or Associate Professor

Psychology - Faculty of Social Sciences

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Canada Research Chair (Tier 1) in Mobile Health and Aging

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.

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

[The Department](#) of Psychology invites applications for a Tier 1 Canada Research Chair (CRC) in Mobile Health and Aging. The successful applicant will be nominated by the University for a CRC Tier 1 and, upon approval by the CRC Secretariat, will then be offered a position at the rank of Associate Professor or Professor, eligible for tenure or with tenure. The anticipated start date is July 1, 2020.

The area of mobile health is an emerging strength of researchers at UVic and is a key component of improving public health and wellness by providing reliable, efficient, and low cost approaches for measuring health-related processes and efficacy of interventions. Mobile assessments permit an ecologically valid assessment of health behaviors, contextual factors, and health outcomes, including well-being and cognition, by capturing these processes throughout an individual's daily life, where and when it matters. This Tier 1 Canada Research Chair will run a world-class research program developing innovations in real-time monitoring and just-in-time interventions using wireless technologies (mobile phones, wearables) to optimize

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psychological and health states and to improve health outcomes. The target candidate will establish an externally funded, internationally recognized research program in the area of aging and lifelong health.

This CRC recruitment is part of a broad strategy to expand and raise the profile of research in health and aging at the University of Victoria. The Faculty of Social Sciences has a complement of 128 research faculty members, including four existing CRCs and over 400 graduate students. The successful applicant will be appointed to the Department of Psychology (in the area of Lifespan Health and Development) and will be expected to engage with the UVic Institute on Aging and Lifelong Health (<https://www.uvic.ca/research/centres/aging/>), which has a 25-year history of high-quality research, community outreach, and trainee support. Research strengths in the Institute on Aging and Lifelong Health are currently organized around cognitive health, lifelong health, and vulnerability and frailty.

Tier 1 CRC Chairs are tenable for seven years and renewable once. They are designed for outstanding researchers acknowledged by their peers as world leaders in their fields. The successful candidate must be a full professor or associate professor who is expected to be promoted to the full professor level within one or two years of the nomination. For more information on the CRC program generally and on eligibility specifically, please consult the [Canada Research Chairs](#) website.

Requirements

The candidate must be recognized internationally in the field of mobile/digital health technologies, have an excellent understanding of the potential and limitations of digital health technologies in the context of aging and lifelong health, and propose an original, innovative research program of the highest quality. The candidate will offer evidence of successful teaching and supervision, including support to create inclusiveness and foster learning among a student body diversified by gender, ethnicity, age, place or origin and many other factors. The selected candidate will demonstrate potential to collaborate with a range of diverse colleagues affiliated with the Institute on Aging and Lifelong Health. In addition, the candidate will be expected to translate the knowledge generated by their research program through the Research Partnerships and Knowledge Mobilization office.

In accordance with the University's Equity Plan and pursuant to Section 42 of the BC Human Rights Code, the selection will be limited to women. Candidates from this group must self-identify.

To be considered, please submit a completed application package including:

- Cover letter providing an overview of the candidate's qualifications, how they fulfill the criteria defined above, and how their research capacity would complement the existing research strengths within the Department of Psychology and the Institute on Lifelong Health and Aging;
- Detailed curriculum vitae;
- Maximum 4-page description of the candidate's proposed research program;
- 1-page description of the candidate's three most important research contributions to date;
- Maximum 2-page statement of teaching experience and approach, including evidence of teaching effectiveness and working well with diverse students;
- One-page statement identifying their strengths and experiences in promoting diversity;
- Contact information for three referees.

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

The application package should be addressed to Dr. Scott Hofer, Chair of Search Committee via email to psycsecretary@uvic.ca with the subject heading "CRC in Mobile Health and Aging".

Application deadline

In order to be considered, application packages must be received by September 15, 2019.

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 here: www.uvic.ca/equitystatement.

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.

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.