

TIER 2 CANADA RESEARCH CHAIR (CRC) IN AGING AND HEALTH

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The Department of Gerontology in the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences at Simon Fraser University (SFU), located on unceded Coast Salish Territory - the traditional territories of the Squamish peoples, is actively building a diverse, inclusive community and invites applications for a Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) Tier 2 Canada Research Chair (CRC) in Aging and Health to begin as early as July 2022. This CRC appointment opportunity is intended for exceptional emerging scholars in Gerontology who possess the necessary qualifications to be appointed at the rank of Assistant or Associate Professor. Appointment to a continuing faculty position in the Department of Gerontology requires a PhD completed by the time of appointment.

The Tier 2 CRC candidate 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 their highest degree (and where career breaks exist, including parental leave, extended sick leave, clinical training, etc.) may have their eligibility for a Tier 2 CRC assessed through the program's Tier 2 justification process; please see the [CRC website for eligibility details](#). Appointment to this position is contingent upon the applicant receiving a Tier 2 Canada Research Chair; therefore, only investigators with strong publication records will be considered. The position is subject to the availability of funding and to final approval by the University Board of Governors and the Tri-agency Institutional Programs Secretariat (TIPS). The Canada Research Chair is tenable for five years and may be renewed once. Interested applicants are invited to review the initial appointment and chair renewal details of the CRC Program (<http://www.chairs-chaire.gc.ca/program-programme/renew-renouvellement-eng.aspx>).

We seek a researcher with a high-impact, independent research program in one or more areas in socio-behavioural health science with a specialization in aging and expertise in quantitative research methods and/or multi-methods. The successful candidate will have an interest in innovative interdisciplinary research and knowledge translation. Preference will be given to a committed and exceptional scholar demonstrating a program of research that can harness the Canadian Longitudinal Study on Aging (CLSA) data, as well as other major population health data initiatives in aging research. The Canadian Longitudinal Study on Aging (CLSA) (<https://www.clsa-elcv.ca/>) is a large, national, long-term study that is following approximately 50,000 men and women who are between the ages of 45 and 85 when recruited, for at least 20 years. The ideal applicant will demonstrate clear potential to become an internationally recognized leader in aging and social/behavioral health research and develop an outstanding record of high-impact publications and sustained research funding from national and international foundations, research councils, and development agencies.

The successful candidate will be expected to collaborate in research clusters and networks at Simon Fraser University, nationally, and internationally, as well as make significant

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contributions to departmental needs for service and teaching. The departmental expectations include teaching in topics such as advanced quantitative methods, program evaluation, and aging and health promotion. The chair-holder is expected to build research strength at SFU in aging and health and foster effective linkages amongst the Department of Gerontology, the Gerontology Research Centre, and other SFU units, as well as external agencies with mandates in aging and health research.

The position requires an individual who will promote a collaborative approach to problem-solving aging and health issues facing a rapidly aging population through research, teaching and service. The ideal candidate will also have established excellence in teaching performance, inclusive teaching pedagogy and mentorship, and the potential to attract, supervise and mentor graduate students and post-doctoral fellows.

SFU recognizes that alternative career paths and/or career interruptions (e.g. parental leave, leave due to illness) can impact research achievements and commits to ensuring that these are taken into careful consideration. Candidates are encouraged to highlight how alternative paths and/or interruptions have impacted them in their application. SFU also recognizes the value of mentoring and research training, outreach, professional service, and nontraditional areas of research and/or research outputs; demonstrated experience in increasing diversity in the institutional environment, and in curriculum, is also an asset.

All applications should be submitted electronically to Ms. Anne Marie Barrett at: **geradmin@sfu.ca**.

To apply, applicants should provide:

- an up-to-date, full curriculum vitae (include details of research and teaching evaluations and/or evidence of teaching effectiveness and inclusiveness, scholarly record, funding, and list of collaborations/partnerships);
- two examples of refereed published scholarly work;
- the proposed program of research (include an outline of the proposed CRC research program over five years, an explanation of how the proposed research aligns with and advances SFU's 2016-2022 Strategic Research Plan, and a discussion of how this Chair would strengthen graduate training at SFU (2-6 pages single spaced); and
- confidential references from four (4) academic referees, sent under separate cover

Simon Fraser University is an institution whose strength is based on our shared commitments to diversity, equity, and inclusion. Diversity is an underlying principle of our Strategic Vision, which pledges SFU to “foster a culture of inclusion and mutual respect, celebrating the diversity reflected among its students, faculty, staff, and our community.” SFU is committed to ensuring that no individual is denied access to employment opportunities for reasons unrelated to ability

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or qualifications. Consistent with this principle, SFU will advance the interests of underrepresented members of the work force, specifically Indigenous peoples, persons with disabilities, racialized persons, and women; embrace gender and sexual diversity; ensure that equal opportunity is afforded to all who seek employment at the University; and treat all employees equitably. Candidates that belong to underrepresented groups are particularly encouraged to apply.

SFU offers several benefits and services aimed at creating a more inclusive and accessible campus community for faculty, please see the [Faculty Relations Benefits and Service page](#) for more details. SFU is also committed to ensuring that the application and interview process is accessible to all applicants; if you require accommodations or have questions about SFU benefits, services, accommodations policies, or equity considerations please contact the [Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Specialist](#) in Faculty Relations.

The competition will remain open until the position is filled, with priority given to completed applications received prior to March 31, 2021. Screening of applications will commence on April 7, 2021. Any general inquiries regarding this posting may be directed to Dr. Andrew Wister, Chair, CRC Search Committee at wister@sfu.ca.

Under the authority of the University Act, personal information that is required by the University Academic Appointment Competitions will be collected. For further details see http://www.sfu.ca/vpacademic/faculty_openings/collection_notice.html.