

SSHRC Canada Research Chair Tier 2 - Children and Youth: Performance and Mental Health

Job Summary

The Department of Child and Youth Studies at Brock University, St. Catharines, Ontario invites applications for a SSHRC Canada Research Chair Tier 2 position in Children and Youth: Performance and Mental Health at the rank of assistant or associate professor level to commence July 1, 2020.

Brock University is committed to building inclusivity and equity through understanding and respect for diverse identities, and to reflecting this in our approaches to teaching and learning, research and creativity, administration and service provision, and community engagement. Our commitment to equity, diversity, and inclusion is grounded in the recognition that the strongest research, scholarship, and creative activity and the best research training environment require engagement of scholars from diverse backgrounds.

Consistent with Brock University's Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Action Plan, in recognition of the under-representation of members of the federally designated groups in the Canada Research Chairs program, and pursuant to Section 14 of the Ontario Human Rights Code, this position will be filled by a qualified candidate who self-identifies as a member of a visible minority, an Indigenous/Aboriginal person, or as a person with a disability.

About the CRC program

The [Canada Research Chairs program](#) recognizes outstanding scholars at all career stages and is a key mechanism for Canadian universities to attract and retain the best talent from around the world to achieve excellence in research and research training. Canada Research Chairs advance the frontiers of knowledge in their fields through their scholarly research, teaching, and supervision. Tier 2 Canada Research Chairs are intended for exceptional emerging scholars, typically those who have been active researchers 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, such as maternity, parental, or extended sick leave, clinical training, etc.) may have their eligibility for a Tier 2 Chair assessed through the program's [Tier 2 justification process](#). Please contact Geoffrey Waters, Director, Research Services (gwaters@brocku.ca) for more information. Differing career patterns may be more common among members of designated groups, and those who have experienced leaves from the workplace. These differences will be taken into account in assessing the experiences and qualifications of applicants.

Qualifications

Our ideal candidate will recognize performance in childhood and youth as multi- and/or transdisciplinary constructs and will have expertise in youth performance, broadly understood in fields such as education, art, aesthetics, sport and physical

activity. The personal, social, and structural dynamics that support or undermine performance in these contexts can have profound direct and indirect effects on the mental health and well-being of diverse young people. This CRC candidate will be an academic leader, bringing a body of coherent research and associated social impact to the Department of Child and Youth Studies and Brock University.

In addition to research, the CRC candidate will fit well within the current climate of training of graduate students and high-quality personnel. With a recent Ph.D program and a thriving MA program, the Child and Youth Studies department provides a robust, academic-engaging setting for the mentorship research of graduate students, including their guidance in diverse research methods, dynamic theories, and pedagogical innovations. With a cutting-edge research program on children, youth, diversity, performance and mental health, the candidate would provide an attractive and important opportunity to students.

Department Description

The Department of Child and Youth Studies offers undergraduate programs (BA Pass or Honours, BA with Major, BA/BEd) that provide a broadly based interdisciplinary approach that considers theoretical and applied approaches to children and youth within the multiple contexts of culture, the economy, the law, family, school, peer group, and community. With roots in anthropology, criminology, cultural studies, education, psychology, and sociology, the academic focus provides an integration of approaches through which a comprehensive understanding of children and youth can evolve. In addition, the CHYS Graduate Program (MA, PhD) offers a unique multidisciplinary approach to the study of children and youth, providing a theoretical foundation and the application of social science research methods.

Application Process:

Applicants should have a completed Ph.D. in a relevant and related discipline. Please apply online using the “Apply” button. Within the online application system candidates must submit a letter of application, a statement of research interests, a statement of teaching interests related to departmental programs, selected reprints/preprints of publications, evidence of successful high quality teaching, a curriculum vitae, and the names and contact information for three references as part of their application (a single PDF document is preferred) via the online application system. (Note: file maximum of 5MB per upload). Supplemental application information beyond the 5MB limit can be sent to chysrecruitment@brocku.ca. Applicants should also arrange for at least three letters of academic reference to be sent to electronically to chysrecruitment@brocku.ca. The closing date for applications is **12:01am (Eastern Standard Time) on January 2, 2020**. This position is subject to final budgetary approval.

Inquiries should be directed to Dr. John McNamara, Chair of Child and Youth Studies, 905-688-5550 x3835, jmcnamara@brocku.ca

Initial posting date: **November 1, 2019**.

Brock University is actively committed to diversity and the principles of employment equity and invites applications from all qualified candidates. Women, Aboriginal peoples, members of visible minorities, people with disabilities and lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer (LGBTQ) persons are encouraged to apply and to voluntarily self-identify as a member of a designated group as part of their application. Candidates who wish to be considered as a member of one or more designated groups can fill out the Self-Identification questions included in the questionnaire at the time of application.

All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply; however Canadian citizens and permanent residents will be given priority. We will accommodate the needs of the applicants and the Ontario Human Rights Code and the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA) throughout all stages of the selection process, as outlined in the Employee Accommodation Policy <https://brocku.ca/policies/wpcontent/uploads/sites/94/Employee-Accommodation-Policy.pdf>. Please advise: Ali Rilstone, Talent Acquisition Consultant, arilstone@brocku.ca to ensure your accessibility needs are accommodated through this process. Information received relating to accommodation measures will be addressed confidentially.

It is Brock University's policy to give consideration to qualified internal applicants.

We appreciate all applications received; however, only candidates selected for an interview will be contacted.

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