

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

The Department of Child and Youth Studies and the Department of Kinesiology 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, 2019. The successful candidate will be appointed to the Department of Child and Youth Studies (home unit) with cross-appointment to the Department of Kinesiology.

Tier 2 Chairs are intended for exceptional emerging scholars (i.e., candidates must 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.

Our ideal candidate will conceptualize performance in childhood and youth as a transdisciplinary construct and will provide the capability to support the existing expertise on youth performance in fields such as academics, 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 these young people. Brock currently houses expertise researching performance and mental health in these fields; this CRC candidate will contribute leadership towards a body of coherent research and social impact across these two departments.

In addition to research in the two hosting units, 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 in CHYS, the Ph.D. program in Applied Health Sciences along with the thriving MA and MSc programs in both units the candidate would be integral in the mentorship research of graduate students from both units, including diverse research methods, dynamic theories, and pedagogical innovations. With a cutting-edge research program on children, youth, performance and mental health, the candidate would provide an attractive and important opportunity to students from both departments.

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. Information on the Department of Child and Youth Studies can be found at <https://brocku.ca/social-sciences/child-and-youth-studies/>

The Department of Kinesiology offers undergraduate programs (BKin, BSc Kin, BPhEd and concurrent BPhEd/BEEd) that allow students to create, integrate and apply knowledge from the biosciences, social sciences, and humanities in the transdisciplinary study of human movement across the lifespan. Its graduate program is housed with the Faculty of Applied Health Sciences and offers unique, interdisciplinary graduate programs both at the masters and doctoral level including two MSc (Kinesiology; Health Sciences), five MA (Community Health; Leisure Studies; Nursing; Health and Physical Education; Sport Management) and three PhD fields (Health Biosciences; Behavioural and Population Health; Social and Cultural Health Studies). Information on the Department of Kinesiology can be found at <https://brocku.ca/applied-health-sciences/kinesiology/>

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, 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 November 30, 2018. 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 x 3835, jmcnamara@brocku.ca

All interested candidates are encouraged to apply; however, Canadians and permanent residents will be given priority. Brock University is actively committed to diversity and the principles of employment equity and invites applications from all interested 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 should fill out the Self-Identification questions included in the questionnaire at the time of application.

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 members of these groups, or those who have experienced leaves from the workplace.

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/webfm_send/39939. Please advise John McNamara (jmcnamara@brocku.ca) to ensure your accessibility needs are accommodated through this process. Information received relating to accommodation measures will be addressed confidentially.

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