

Canada Research Chair (Tier 2) in Political Ecology
School of Environmental Studies, University of Victoria

July 1, 2019 start date

The School of Environmental Studies at the University of Victoria, located on the traditional territories of the Songhees, Esquimalt and WSÁNEĆ peoples, invites applications for a Tier 2 Canada Research Chair in Political Ecology. The interdisciplinary field of Political Ecology critically investigates the social, political, economic and cultural dimensions of environmental challenges to develop solutions that are effective because they are responsive to not only technical and ecological but social and political realities. Political Ecology has consistently (but not exclusively) focused on environmental challenges faced and overcome by Indigenous and local communities, emphasizing the vital intertwining of social and ecological considerations embedded in their resistance and the solutions that arise from it. We seek a political ecologist who is working in interdisciplinary contexts, preferably with Indigenous and/or local communities. The School of Environmental Studies, <http://web.uvic.ca/enweb/> is supported by three overlapping streams of scholarship: political ecology, ethnoecology, and ecological restoration. We are a relatively small group and depend on close cooperation, mutual respect and camaraderie for our flourishing.

Candidates will be evaluated on the criteria that follow. The successful candidate will be an emerging world-class researcher in the field of political ecology who demonstrates particular research creativity; has a critical understanding of the complex environmental challenges involving the interaction of social and biophysical systems, and be proposing an original, innovative research program of high quality with the potential to achieve international recognition. The candidate will offer evidence of high-quality teaching and supervision, and of high-impact research that is responsive to and respectful of the needs of Indigenous and/or local communities.

Tier 2 CRC Chairs are one of Canada's premier early career recognition and recruitment programs, and are intended for exceptional emerging scholars (i.e., candidates must have been an active researcher in their field for fewer than 10 years at the time of nomination). However, applicants who are more than 10 years from having earned their highest degree (and where career breaks exist) may have their eligibility for a Tier 2 Chair assessed through the program's Tier 2 justification process. For more information on the CRC program generally and on eligibility specifically, please consult the Canada Research Chairs website: http://www.chairs-chaires.gc.ca/program-programme/nomination-mise_en_candidature-eng.aspx

The successful applicant will be nominated by the University of Victoria for a Tier 2 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 Assistant or Associate 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 July 1, 2019.

The University of Victoria is an equity employer and encourages applications from women, persons with disabilities, visible minorities, Indigenous Peoples, people of all sexual orientations and genders, and others who may contribute to the further diversification of the University. All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply; in accordance with Canadian Immigration requirements, Canadians and permanent residents will be given priority. 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 (<http://www.uvicfa.ca>)

Please submit your application by e-mail to: esapps@uvic.ca Applications should include in a single

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PDF: (1) a cover letter providing an overview of the candidate's qualifications and how they fulfill the criteria defined above, (2) a detailed curriculum vitae, (3) a detailed description of the candidate's proposed research program, including an assessment of impact of previous research and proposed research and a statement on how their research will complement and extend existing research capacity in the School, (4) samples of relevant published writing or other relevant materials (5) a teaching dossier, including evidence of teaching effectiveness, and (6) contact information for three referees.

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 of research achievement.

Application deadline: May 1, 2018.

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