

Global Urban Studies - Canada Research Chair (Tier II)

University of Calgary

Location: Alberta

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Canada Research Chair (Tier II) in Global Urban Studies
Faculty of Arts

The Faculty of Arts at the University of Calgary invites applications for a Canada Research Chair (Tier II), tenure-track appointment as Assistant or Associate Professor in Global Urban Studies. We invite applications from excellent scholars with urban-based expertise. Appointment of the successful candidate will be in the most appropriate home department within the Faculty of Arts. The appointment date for the successful candidate is anticipated to be July 2015.

The successful candidate will have earned a doctoral degree within the last ten years in an urban-related discipline, a strong record of research on urban issues, peer-reviewed publications in prominent urban studies journals, and demonstrated excellence as an instructor. While this position will have a reduced teaching load, the Chair will be expected to contribute to the Urban Studies Program's undergraduate course offerings and relevant graduate student education.

Urban Studies at the University of Calgary is an exciting and dynamic interdisciplinary program with over 230 undergraduates. The Urban Studies program also has strong ties to local, national and international organizations, such as the University of Calgary-City of Calgary "Urban Alliance" and numerous Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council-funded research initiatives addressing urban change across Canada and around the world.

The Canada Research Chair in Global Urban Studies will be expected to conduct internationally recognised research exploring the challenges created by ongoing

urbanization, particularly the environmental, cultural, political and/or social problems accompanying urban growth. The successful candidate must be well grounded in contemporary urban theory and the dynamic relationship between globalization, urban development, and urban life. Scholars are expected to take a comprehensive approach to urban studies and have a demonstrated record of interdisciplinary research. If an appointment is made at the Associate Professor rank, the candidate would be expected to have a demonstrated record of research productivity and experience supervising graduate students.

The University of Calgary is a leading Canadian university located in the nation's most rapidly growing city. The University of Calgary is a comprehensive research university, with over 30,000 students, including over 5,000 graduate students, and ranks among the Canadian top ten on a broad cross-section of measures, including research funding, endowment, graduation of PhD students, fundraising, and the quality of its professoriate.

The university has a clear strategic direction to become one of Canada's top five research universities by 2016, where innovative teaching and groundbreaking research go hand in hand, and where we fully engage the communities we both serve and lead. The strategy is called Eyes High, inspired by our Gaelic motto, which translates to 'I will lift up my eyes'. We are increasing our scholarly capacity by investing in people who want to change the world, bringing the best and brightest to Calgary to form a global intellectual hub and achieve advances that matter to everyone.

Named a cultural capital of Canada and ranked the 5th most liveable city in the world by the Economist in 2012, Calgary is a city of leaders - in business, research, culture, philanthropy, and volunteerism. Calgary has the strongest metropolitan economy in Canada, the country's second largest concentration of corporate head-offices and an extremely diverse population with one quarter of its residents foreign-born. Calgarians enjoy easy access to Rocky Mountains with their extensive system of parks and recreational activities, while the city is an important centre for world-class arts events. Calgary has the most extensive urban pathway

and bikeway network in North America, as well as its second busiest light rail system.

Applications are accepted electronically through ubstcrc@ucalgary.ca. Completed applications include a letter of interest, CV, examples of recent scholarly work, evidence of teaching experience and effectiveness, and a description of a proposed 5-year research plan for the Chair. Applicants should also arrange to have three confidential letters of reference to be submitted directly to the Chair of the selection committee:

Dr. Brian Moorman
Associate Dean - Research and Infrastructure
Faculty of Arts, University of Calgary
ubstcrc@ucalgary.ca

Deadline: January 5, 2015

For more information on the Canada Research Chair program and eligibility requirements for Chairs, visit <http://www.chairs-chaires.gc.ca/home-accueil-eng.aspx>. All Chairs are subject to review and final approval by the CRC Secretariat.

The University of Calgary respects, appreciates and encourages diversity. All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply; however, Canadians and Permanent Residents will be given priority. In this connection, at the time of your application, please answer the following questions: Are you legally entitled to work in Canada (Yes/No) and are you a Canadian citizen or a permanent resident of Canada? (Yes/No)

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To view a listing of all available academic opportunities and to find out more about what the University of Calgary has to offer, please visit our Academic Careers website.

About Calgary, Alberta

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