

# Human Ecology - Assistant Professor (Family Gerontology)

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**Faculty of Agricultural, Life and Environmental Sciences - Department of Human Ecology**

**Assistant Professor in Family Gerontology**

Competition No. - **A108322457**

Closing Date - **Will remain open until filled.**

The Department of Human Ecology at the University of Alberta invites applications from Family Gerontology scholars to fill a tenure-track assistant professor position. We are seeking a candidate whose research and teaching will enhance the Department's ecological and interdisciplinary perspective on families and aging.

The Department offers a PhD in Human Ecology; thesis and course-based Master's degrees with specializations in Aging and in Family Ecology & Practice; a BSc in Human Ecology with a major in Family Ecology; and a combined BSc/BEEd degree. Faculty and graduate students in the Aging area collaborate with global scholars on research examining the care and support of older adults and adults with chronic illness or disability, costs incurred by family/friend caregivers, contributions and social inclusion of older adults, and age-friendly rural communities. A central goal of this research is to enhance the well-being of older adults and their families by bridging research, policies, and practice.

For further information, see <http://www.ales.ualberta.ca/hecol/> and <http://www.rapp.ualberta.ca/>.

Key responsibilities of the position include:

- Conducting an independent research program that complements existing research expertise and programs on aging in the Department. Current expertise includes family economics and the value of unpaid care; work-family balance in later life families; social networks and social support of older rural adults; social participation; and contexts of aging including age-friendly communities.
- Teaching undergraduate and graduate courses in aging.
- Attracting and supervising graduate students.

Applicants must have:

- A PhD in family gerontology or another relevant discipline such as family science, family studies, human ecology, or family sociology with an emphasis on aging
- A successful record of research in families and aging, including publications and funding support
- Demonstrated excellence in university teaching and the ability to contribute to interdisciplinary educational and research programs
- A collaborative working style that is a good fit with the Department of Human Ecology

The University of Alberta is one of the top 100 public teaching and research universities in the world, with more than 15,000 faculty and staff. Founded more than a century ago, the University has an annual budget in excess of \$1.7 billion and attracts nearly \$450 million in sponsored research revenue. The University is located in Edmonton, a vibrant city of a million people, offering a rich cultural and recreational life. The largest of five campuses is located adjacent to the spectacular North Saskatchewan River Valley and is less than a 4-hour drive from the Rockies. For more information on the University of Alberta and City of Edmonton visit <http://www.ualberta.ca> and <http://www.edmonton.ca>.

The preferred start date is July 1, 2014. The competition will remain open until the position is filled. To apply, please submit a cover letter that addresses the requirements of the position and describes the focus of your scholarship, a curriculum vitae, a teaching dossier, copies of two publications, and the names and contact information for three referees. Review of applications will commence April 1, 2014.

Interested applicants can **submit application materials electronically** to:

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**Interested applicants may apply to:** <http://www.careers.ualberta.ca/Competition/A108322457/>

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All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply; however, Canadians and permanent residents will be given priority.

The University of Alberta hires on the basis of merit. We are committed to the principle of equity in employment. We welcome diversity and encourage applications from all qualified women and men, including persons with disabilities, members of visible minorities, and Aboriginal persons.