

Dear colleagues,

19 June 2018

On 1 July 2018, Mount Allison will have 1 (one) empty Tier 2 (T2) Canada Research Chair (CRC). T2 Chairs, tenable for five years and renewable once, are for researchers acknowledged by their peers as having the potential to lead in their field. T2 Chairs are intended for exceptional emerging scholars, with fewer than 10 years since highest degree 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 parental or extended sick leave, clinical training, etc.) may have their eligibility for a T2 Chair assessed through the program's T2 justification process. Please contact David Bruce in the Office of Research Services for more information about this process if applicable.

Mount Allison seeks to nominate a colleague from within the university for a T2 CRC for the next application date, 22 October 2018, with a decision expected by April 2019. External candidates will not be considered. The institutional process to select a nominee, including advisory committee member names and key dates, will be available from my office by request (e-mail provost@mta.ca) by Friday 6 July. The deadline for applications will be approximately early to mid-August.

There is no predetermined academic field or program associated with this selection process. The call is open to all eligible faculty members, in any field. However, the selection committee will be asked to favour proposals that:

- have thematic alignment with our strategic research plan found here: [http://www.mta.ca/Community/Governance and admin/VP Academic and Research/Strategic Research Plan/Strategic Research Plan/](http://www.mta.ca/Community/Governance_and_admin/VP_Academic_and_Research/Strategic_Research_Plan/Strategic_Research_Plan/) ;
- contribute to one or more of our developing strategic directions (Indigenization, experiential learning, etc.);
- contribute to interdisciplinary programs if appropriate.

For more information about the CRC program, please consult the CRC website for full information, including further details on eligibility criteria; see: <http://www.chairs-chaire.gc.ca> . In particular, please review the CRC's Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Action Plan and Mount Allison's as well:

http://www.chairs-chaire.gc.ca/program-programme/equity-equite/action_plan-plan_action-eng.aspx

[http://www.mta.ca/uploadedFiles/Community/Research and creative/Research Office/Canada Research Chairs/Mount%20Allison%20University%20CRC%20Equity%20Plan%202017.pdf](http://www.mta.ca/uploadedFiles/Community/Research_and_creative/Research_Office/Canada_Research_Chairs/Mount%20Allison%20University%20CRC%20Equity%20Plan%202017.pdf)

Meeting our obligations with respect to equity, diversity and inclusivity will be a high priority in the selection process. If you have questions about applying for this opportunity, please contact David Bruce by e-mail (dwb Bruce@mta.ca) or phone (506-364-2618).

Sincerely,

Jeff

10 July 2018

Open CRC T2 Chair Nominee Selection

Context

Mount Allison currently has 1 (one) empty Tier 2 Canada Research Chair (CRC). Tier 2 Chairs, tenable for five years and renewable once, are for researchers acknowledged by their peers as having the potential to lead in their field. Tier 2 Chairs are intended for exceptional emerging scholars.

Mount Allison seeks to nominate a colleague (one person) from within the university by the next application date which is 22 October 2018 with a decision by April 2019. The nominee must hold a tenured or tenure-track position at Mount Allison at the time of nomination.

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- have thematic alignment with our strategic research plan found here: http://www.mta.ca/Community/Governance_and_admin/VP_Academic_and_Research/Strategic_Research_Plan/Strategic_Research_Plan/ ;
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Process

1. Applications to be Mount Allison's nominee will be received by the Provost's office and will be assessed by the Provost's *ad hoc* advisory committee to select our nominee. There will be 5 members of the committee with one alternate. The committee will select its own chair or operate by consensus as it deems appropriate. The members are:
 - a. Lauren Beck (Modern Languages & Literatures)
 - b. Craig Brett (Economics)
 - c. David Fleming (Physics)
 - d. Janine Rogers (English)
 - e. Gene Ouellette (Psychology)
 - f. Jane Mullen (Commerce) – alternate if needed

2. Applications are due on **Monday 20 August 2018 by noon**. Applications must be submitted by e-mail in PDF format (note: if creating the necessary PDF(s) is a problem, please contact Maria Smith in the Provost's Office for assistance).
3. The Provost's *ad hoc* advisory committee will deliver a ranked, confidential list of nominees to the Provost no later than Thursday 30 August 2018 by noon.
4. The nominee with the highest rank will be offered the opportunity to be Mount Allison's nominee for our empty Tier 2 Canada Research Chair.^A This nominee will be notified of the decision no later than Friday 31 August 2018 by noon. If an applicant declines the opportunity for whatever reason, the next highest ranked applicant will be offered the opportunity.
5. Applications will be based on the published requirements for a CRC T2 application. However, not all elements will be required for the internal selection process. Guidelines are provided below with maximum page lengths assuming: letter-size paper, 2 cm margins, 12 point Arial font, and single spacing. The specific elements required with their weighting factors are:
 - a. Research project executive summary (half page)
 - b. Proposal (only the following elements)
 - i. Quality of nominee (1 page plus CV; see #6) [35%]
 - ii. Description of proposed research program (6 pages) [35%]
 - c. Fit of the proposed chair with the institution's strategic research plan (half page) [10%]
 - d. Description of leadership in student training (1 page) [10%]
 - e. Any other comments you wish to make (1 page) [10%]
6. A recent CV must accompany an application but it can be in any format already prepared (only the nominee going forward will have to complete the CRC CV document).
7. For planning purposes only, please indicate if you would make a CFI request with your CRC application if you are the nominee (please include a brief outline of the equipment, tools, resources, etc. that would be sought, any space requirements, and anticipated total dollar amount). This information will not be evaluated as part of the selection process and will not be provided to the advisory committee.

Other

A specific, high priority objective of this search is to meet our obligations with respect to equity, diversity and inclusion. Please review the CRC and Mount Allison action plans:

http://www.chairs-chaire.gc.ca/program-programme/equity-equite/action_plan-plan_action-eng.aspx

http://www.mta.ca/uploadedFiles/Community/Research_and_creative/Research_Office/Canada_Research_Chairs/Mount%20Allison%20University%20CRC%20Equity%20Plan%202017.pdf

^A the Provost reserves the right not to submit any application from this process to the CRC program.