

TIER 2 CANADA RESEARCH CHAIR (CRC) IN AGING AND HEALTH

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The Department of Gerontology in the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences at Simon Fraser University (SFU), located on unceded Coast Salish Territory - the traditional territories of the Squamish peoples, is actively building a diverse, inclusive community and invites applications for a Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) Tier 2 Canada Research Chair (CRC) in Aging and Health to begin as early as January 1, 2021. This CRC appointment opportunity is intended for exceptional emerging scholars in Gerontology who possess the necessary qualifications to be appointed at the rank of Assistant or Associate Professor. Appointment to a continuing faculty position in the Department of Gerontology requires a PhD completed by the time of appointment.

Tier 2 Chairs are intended for exceptional emerging scholars (i.e. candidate must have been an active researcher in their field for fewer than 10 years at the time of nomination). Applicants who are more than 10 years from their highest degree (and where career breaks exist, including maternity leave, extended sick leave, clinical training, etc.) may have their eligibility for a Tier 2 CRC assessed through the program's Tier 2 justification process; please see the [CRC website for eligibility details](#) or contact [SFU's Institutional Strategic Awards office](#).

We seek a researcher with a proven track record in one or more areas in aging and health with expertise in quantitative research methods and/or multi-methods and an interest in innovative interdisciplinary research and knowledge translation. The successful candidate will have the opportunity to develop a program of research harnessing the Canadian Longitudinal Study on Aging (CLSA) data, as well as other major population data initiatives in aging research. The Canadian Longitudinal Study on Aging (CLSA) (<https://www.clsa-elcv.ca/>) is a large, national, long-term study that will follow approximately 50,000 men and women who are between the ages of 45 and 85 when recruited, for at least 20 years. The successful applicant will demonstrate clear potential to become an internationally recognized leader in a social/behavioral science, social epidemiology, and/or health science with an outstanding record of high-impact publications and sustained research funding from national and international foundations, research councils, and development agencies.

The successful candidate will be expected to collaborate in research clusters and networks at Simon Fraser University, nationally, and internationally, as well as make significant contributions to departmental needs for service and teaching. The chair-holder is expected to build research strength at SFU in aging and health and foster effective linkages amongst the Department of Gerontology, the Gerontology Research Centre, and other SFU units, as well as external agencies with mandates in aging and health research.

The position requires an individual who will promote a trans-disciplinary team approach to problem-solving aging and health issues facing a rapidly aging population through research, teaching and service. The successful candidate will also have demonstrated excellent teaching

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performance, and the potential to attract, supervise and mentor graduate students and post-doctoral fellows.

Appointment to this position is contingent upon the applicant receiving a Tier 2 Canada Research Chair; therefore, only investigators with strong publication records will be considered. The position is subject to the availability of funding and to final approval by the University Board of Governors and the CRC Secretariat. The Canada Research Chair is tenable for five years and may be renewed once. Interested applicants are invited to review the initial appointment and chair renewal details of the CRC Program (<http://www.chairs-chaire.gc.ca/program-programme/renew-renouvellement-eng.aspx>). SFU recognizes that alternative career paths and/or career interruptions (e.g. maternity leave, leave due to illness) can impact research achievements and commits to ensuring that leaves are taken into careful consideration. Candidates are encouraged to highlight how alternative paths and/or interruptions have impacted them in their application. SFU also recognizes the value of mentoring and research training, outreach, professional service, and nontraditional areas of research and/or research outputs; demonstrated experience in increasing diversity in the previous institutional environment, and in curriculum, is also an asset.

All applications should be submitted electronically to Ms. Anne Marie Barrett at: geradmin@sfu.ca.

To apply, applicants should provide:

- an up-to-date, full curriculum vitae (include details of research and teaching, scholarly record, funding, and list of collaborations/partnerships);
- two examples of refereed published scholarly work;
- the proposed program of research (include an outline of the proposed CRC research program over five years, an explanation of how the proposed research aligns with and advances SFU's 2016-2020 Strategic Research Plan, and a discussion of how this Chair would strengthen graduate training at SFU (2-6 pages single spaced); and
- confidential references from four (4) academic referees, sent under separate cover

SFU is an equity employer and encourages applications from all qualified individuals including women, persons with disabilities, visible minorities, Indigenous Peoples, people of all sexual orientations and gender identities, and others who may contribute to the further diversification of the university. All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply.

SFU offers several benefits and services aimed at creating a more inclusive and accessible campus community for faculty, please see the [Faculty Relations Benefits and Service page](#) for more details. SFU is also committed to ensuring that the application and interview process is accessible to all applicants; if you require accommodations or have questions about SFU benefits, services,

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accommodations policies, or equity considerations please contact the [Director of Equity, Diversity and Inclusion](#) in Faculty Relations.

The competition will remain open until the position is filled, with priority given to completed applications received prior to April 30, 2020. Screening of applications will commence on May 9, 2020. Any general inquiries regarding this posting may be directed to Dr. Andrew Wister, Chair, CRC Search Committee at andrew_wister@sfu.ca.

Under the authority of the University Act, personal information that is required by the University Academic Appointment Competitions will be collected. For further details see http://www.sfu.ca/vpacademic/faculty_openings/collection_notice.html.