



Canada Research Chair (Tier II) in the Politics of Decolonization, Faculty of Arts

The University of Calgary is engaged in a consultative process with knowledge keepers, Elders, and leaders of the Treaty #7 peoples, the Métis Nation, and academics and university administrators. This ongoing process has resulted in the development of an Indigenous Strategy designed to guide the University's relationship with the Indigenous peoples in whose territory the University resides. One of the goals identified during this consultation is to increase the number of Indigenous scholars in leading positions on campus. In addition to Indigenous cluster hires in the Faculty of Arts and the Werklund School of Education, the University of Calgary is now seeking three Canada Research Chairs (Tier II).

The Department of Political Science invites applications for a Canada Research Chair (Tier II) in the Politics of Decolonization. We are seeking a scholar who will establish and maintain an active research program leading to excellence in our understanding of decolonization. Themes may include, but are not limited to, the study of political processes that redistribute land from colonial states to Indigenous nations, the revitalization of Indigenous land-based governance practices, the study of Indigenous decolonizing political movements, and gendered perspectives on decolonization. **The successful candidate will be appointed at the rank of Assistant Professor (Tenure-track) or Associate Professor (with tenure). The anticipated start date is July 1, 2018.**

The successful candidate will hold a PhD in Political Science or a related field. The appointee's research agenda may be grounded in any of the fields of political science (political theory, Canadian politics, comparative politics, international relations) or be inter-disciplinary in focus. A research program focused on Canada would be an asset but is not required to be considered for this position. The successful candidate will be expected to build relationships with the Treaty #7 Nations and the Métis Nation. This may include incorporating the experiences and needs of the Treaty #7 peoples and the Métis into their research. This appointment will contribute to the University of Calgary's commitment to create a rich, vibrant and culturally competent campus, one that welcomes and supports Indigenous learners, is inclusive of Indigenous perspectives in teaching and learning, encourages Indigenous community partnerships in research and academic programming and is appropriate and thoughtful in its response to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's 'Calls to Action'.

The successful candidate at the Assistant Professor level must demonstrate evidence of excellence in research, teaching and community engagement, commensurate with academic experience. This would normally include publications in high quality journals, success with securing competitive research funding, and evidence of a commitment to teaching effectiveness and to engagement with Indigenous communities, organizations and/or institutions. The successful candidate at the Associate Professor level must demonstrate a proven track record of research and teaching excellence, including a record of publications in high quality journals, proven success in obtaining competitive research funding, evidence of teaching effectiveness, and a record of successful graduate student supervision, where possible. The successful candidate at this level should also provide evidence of successful engagement with Indigenous communities, organizations and/or institutions, including evidence of success in community-engaged projects and scholarship.

The Department of Political Science is housed in the Faculty of Arts. The Department administers the International Indigenous Studies interdisciplinary program that attracts students from across the University. The program focuses on various aspects of Indigenous people's experience including arts, culture, ways of knowing, languages, economies, politics, and community structures. The candidate's willingness to teach in this program will be considered an asset. As part of its Indigenous Strategy, the Faculty has created eight tenure-track positions in Indigenous research and scholarship, across various departments. This community of scholars facilitates cross-disciplinary and collaborative research, education and outreach by building on Indigenous knowledges, cultures, traditions and experiences developed among, and in partnership with, First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples in Canada. The Canada Research Chair in the Politics of Decolonization will provide leadership in these areas.

Tier II Chairs 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). Candidates who are more than 10 years from having earned their highest degree and who have had career breaks, such as maternity, parental, or extended sick leave, clinical training, etc., may have their eligibility for a Tier II Chair assessed through the program's Tier II justification process. Please contact UCalgary's Office of Research Services for more information: ipd@ucalgary.ca. Further information about the Canada Research Chairs Program can be found on the Government of Canada's [CRC website](#), including eligibility criteria.

Interested individuals are encouraged to submit an application online via the 'Apply Now' link. Please be aware that the application process allows for only four attachments. Your four application attachments should be organized to contain the following (which may require you to merge documents such as publications):

1. A letter of interest and curriculum vitae, including a statement providing evidence of the applicant's connection to the Indigenous community
2. Three examples of recent scholarly work
3. Evidence of teaching experience and effectiveness
4. Description of a proposed 5-year research plan for the Chair

Applicants should also arrange to have three electronic confidential letters of reference sent under separate cover directly to the Chair of the selection committee:

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Questions regarding this opportunity should be addressed to Dr. Antonio Franceschet by email (polihire@ucalgary.ca)

Deadline: January 30, 2018

*The University of Calgary recognizes that a diverse staff/faculty benefits and enriches the work, learning and research experiences of the entire campus and greater community. We are committed to removing barriers that have been historically encountered by some people in our society. **We strive to recruit individuals who will further enhance our diversity and will support their academic and professional success while they are here; in particular,***

we encourage members of the four designated groups (women, Aboriginal People, persons with disabilities and members of visible minorities) to apply. All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply; however in appropriate circumstances, preference in hiring may be accorded to candidates from the groups noted above. In accordance with Canadian Immigration requirements, priority will be given to Canadian citizens and permanent residents. To ensure a fair and equitable assessment, we offer accommodation at any stage during the recruitment process to applicants with disabilities. Questions regarding diversity or requests for accommodation can be sent to Human Resources (hrhire@ucalgary.ca).

To learn more about academic opportunities at the University of Calgary and all we have to offer, view our [Academic Careers website](#). For more information about the Faculty of Arts visit **Careers in the Faculty of Arts**.

About the University of Calgary

The University of Calgary is Canada's leading next-generation university – a living, growing and youthful institution that embraces change and opportunity with a can-do attitude. Located in the nation's most enterprising city, the university is making tremendous progress on its Eyes High journey to be recognized as one of Canada's top five research universities, grounded in innovative learning and teaching and fully integrated with the community it both serves and leads. The University of Calgary inspires and supports discovery, creativity and innovation across all disciplines. For more information, visit ucalgary.ca.

About Calgary, Alberta

Calgary is one of the world's cleanest cities and has been named one of the world's most livable cities for years. Calgary is a city of leaders - in business, community, philanthropy and volunteerism. Calgarians benefit from a growing number of world-class dining and cultural events and enjoy more days of sunshine per year than any other major Canadian city. Calgary is less than an hour's drive from the majestic Rocky Mountains and boasts the most extensive urban pathway and bikeway network in North America.

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