



**Canada Research Chair (Tier II) in Child and Adolescent Mental Health, Department of Psychiatry,  
Cumming School of Medicine**

The Department of Psychiatry, in partnership with the Hotchkiss Brain Institute, in the Cumming School of Medicine at the University of Calgary invite applications for a Canada Research Chair (CRC) Tier II in Child and Adolescent Mental Health. The successful candidate will be appointed at the rank of Assistant or Associate Professor (tenure-track) and will be nominated for a CRC Tier II Chair.

The successful candidate will establish an active research program, integrated with clinical care during the unique developmental periods defined by childhood, adolescence, and emerging adulthood. They will lead an innovative clinical research program combining data from multiple levels of analysis in the prediction of treatment or disease outcomes in children and adolescents being treated for mental health disorders or impact the trajectory of illness. The ability to interact with existing research groups (focused on child or youth mental health) is required.

Qualifications include an MD and more than five years of additional research experience. An advanced degree and post-doctoral research experience is required. The successful candidate must demonstrate evidence of a track record of publications in high quality journals, evidence of an ability to collaborate, lead a research team, and effectiveness in teaching at the University level. Applicants at the Assistant Professor level must have evidence of a track record of publications in high impact journals. Applicants at the Associate Professor level must present evidence of a strong publication record, as well as a demonstrated ability to attract peer-reviewed funding. Candidates must show evidence of ability to develop a productive, externally funded research program, and fit with one or more of the ten Brain and Mental Health Teams of the HBI (<http://www.hbi.ucalgary.ca/our-research>). For applicants without a demonstrated record of peer reviewed external grants, this criterion is accomplished by means of a structured “chalk-talk” interview in which the candidate is asked to present a fundable research project to the search committee.

The position provides 75% protected time for research, and will include expectations to contribute to teaching as well as service to the department, faculty, Institute or University, particularly as this relates to advancing the area of child and adolescent mental health.

The Chair will have the opportunity to be part of a prolific and diverse research environment in the Hotchkiss Brain Institute, the Department of Psychiatry and The Mathison Centre for Mental Health Research & Education, with access to state of the art core infrastructure. Outstanding opportunities for collaboration are available with established research programs in diverse areas of neuroscience, epidemiology, health systems and informatics.

Inspired by the vision “Healthy Brains for Better Lives”, the strategic goals of the HBI are to make key, internationally recognized discoveries and transform clinical research in the neurosciences and mental

health. The Canada Research Chair in Child and Adolescent Mental Health would be housed in the Mathison Centre for Mental Health Research & Education. The mission of the Mathison Centre is to produce trailblazing research and education on the early identification, treatment, and prevention of mental health disorders. The Centre, created in 2012, brings together 75 investigators from six faculties across the University of Calgary and provides an enriched environment for mental health research and the training of students and fellows at the university's Cumming School of Medicine. The CRC's research program will help the Mathison Centre realize its vision of being a leading mental health research centre and a hub bringing together mental health researchers across campus.

The Cumming School of Medicine seeks to recruit and retain a diverse and inclusive workforce that will contribute to creating the future of health. We are committed to fostering diversity through cultivating an environment where people with a variety of backgrounds, genders, interests, and talents feel welcome and supported. This includes the provision of a formal mentoring program, internal grant review programs that enhance success in research grant applications, pilot funding programs and other support programs.

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. In cases where the candidate has more than one PhD, or have obtained a professional degree (MD, DVM, etc) in addition to a PhD, the first of these degrees is used in the 10 year qualification. Exemptions may be granted by providing a formal justification. Please contact UCalgary's Office of Research Services for more information: [ipd@ucalgary.ca](mailto: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 via the University of Calgary Careers site. Please be aware the application process allows for only four attachments. Your four attachments should be organized to contain the following (which may require you to merge documents such as publications):**

- Cover letter and curriculum vitae, including the name and contact information of three referees
- Statement of research interests and a description of a proposed 5-year research plan for the Chair

Questions about this position may be directed to:

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**Application deadline: October 29, 2021**

The University of Calgary recognizes that candidates have varying career paths and that career interruptions can be part of an excellent academic record. Candidates are encouraged but not required to provide any relevant information about their experience and/or career interruptions to allow for a fair assessment of their application. Selection committees have been instructed to give careful consideration to, and be sensitive to the impact of career interruptions, when assessing the candidate's research productivity.

The University of Calgary has launched an institution-wide [Indigenous Strategy](#) in line with the foundational goals of [Eyes High](#), committing to creating a rich, vibrant, and culturally competent campus that welcomes and supports Indigenous Peoples, encourages Indigenous community partnerships, is inclusive of Indigenous perspectives in all that we do.

*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 equity-deserving groups (women, Indigenous Peoples, persons with disabilities, members of visible minorities and diverse sexual orientation and gender identities) to apply. All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply; however Canadians and permanent residents will be given priority. 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](mailto:hrhire@ucalgary.ca)).*

Posting Date: September 22, 2021

Closing Date: October 29, 2021

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 Cumming School of Medicine visit [Careers in the Cumming School of Medicine](#).

### **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.