

**Professor and Canada Research Chair (Tier I) in Neurodevelopment, Department of Biochemistry & Molecular Biology, Cumming School of Medicine**

The University of Calgary Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology is inviting applications for a tenured faculty position in the field of Neurodevelopment, at the rank of full Professor. Applicants currently at the Associate Professor level eligible for promotion to full Professor are encouraged to apply. The selected candidate will be nominated for a Canadian Institutes for Health Research (CIHR) Tier I Canada Research Chair (CRC). The CRC Chair is tenable for seven years and renewable once.

Applicants must have a PhD (or equivalent), be a Full Professor (or eligible for promotion to this rank), with demonstrated research leadership and outstanding research productivity as demonstrated by excellent publications and demonstrated success in the acquisition of external research funding and awards. The applicant must also meet the criteria for a Canada Research Chair at the Tier I level. Further information about the Canada Research Chairs Program, including eligibility criteria, can be found on the Government of Canada's CRC website.

Applications are encouraged from candidates using model systems, including but not limited to *C. elegans*, *Drosophila*, zebrafish, rodents, human iPSCs/brain organoids, to study fundamental programs driving neural development. Applicants who model neurodevelopmental conditions are especially encouraged to apply. The successful candidate will be expected to conduct a vigorous, externally funded research program (for which 75% time will be protected). The candidate will join a vibrant, collaborative community of investigators focussing on developmental neuroscience. The candidate will contribute to teaching graduate topics in neural development and the supervision of graduate students.

This position is aligned with the Azrieli Accelerator at the University of Calgary, a \$25M gift from the Azrieli Foundation to catalyze neurodevelopment research across the lifespan, and in partnership with the Alberta Children's Hospital Research Institute (<https://research4kids.ucalgary.ca>), the Owerko Centre (<https://research4kids.ucalgary.ca/owerko>) and Hotchkiss Brain Institute (<https://hbi.ucalgary.ca/>). The Chairholder will join an established, multidisciplinary, and cross-faculty group of basic, translational, and clinical neuroscientists.

The University of Calgary, through the Cumming School of Medicine that is comprised of health research institutes and academic departments, 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.

The University 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 consider, and be sensitive to, the impact of career interruptions, when assessing the candidate's research productivity.

Interested individuals are encouraged to submit an application online via University of Calgary Careers webpage using the 'Apply Now' link.

Please be aware that the application process allows for a maximum of four attachments. Your four application attachments should be organized to contain the following (you are encouraged to merge documents to reduce the number of attachments):

- Cover letter
- Curriculum vitae
- Research interest statement (not to exceed 2 pages)
- Teaching Dossier (not to exceed 2 pages)
- Equity, diversity and inclusion statement (not to exceed 2 pages)
- The names and contact information for three (3) referees

Questions about this position may be directed to:

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Application deadline: September 30, 2022

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.

*As an equitable and inclusive employer, 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 designated groups (women, Indigenous peoples, persons with disabilities, members of visible/racialized minorities, and diverse sexual orientation and gender identities) to apply. To ensure a fair and equitable assessment, we offer accommodation at any stage during the recruitment process to applicants with disabilities. Questions regarding [diversity] EDI at UCalgary can be sent to the [Office of Equity, Diversity and Inclusion](#) ([equity@ucalgary.ca](mailto:equity@ucalgary.ca)) and requests for accommodations can be sent to Human Resources ([hrhire@ucalgary.ca](mailto:hrhire@ucalgary.ca)).*

*All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply; however Canadians and permanent residents will be given priority. In this connection, at the time of your application, please answer the following question: Are you a Canadian citizen or a permanent resident of Canada? (Yes/No)*

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

The University strongly recommends all faculty and staff are fully vaccinated against COVID-19.

## **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](http://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.