

## **Academic Director – Prairie Regional Research Data Centre**

The University of Calgary invites applications for the **Academic Director** of the **Prairie Regional Research Data Centre**. This is a five-year secondment, renewable upon review. Subject to the receipt of national network funding, the position brings with it teaching release time to the equivalent of two half-courses.

The Research Data Centres (RDC) programme is part of an initiative by Statistics Canada, the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC), the Canadian Institutes for Health Research (CIHR), the Canadian Foundation for Innovation (CFI), and university consortia. The programme was established to help strengthen Canada's social research capacity and to support the social sciences and health research communities. RDCs provide researchers with access, in a secure university setting, to Statistics Canada microdata from the master files for population health, household, and many additional surveys. Centres are operated under the provisions of the *Statistics Act* in accordance with the Act's confidentiality rules and are accessible only to researchers with approved projects who have been sworn in under the *Statistics Act* as 'deemed employees' of Statistics Canada.

The Prairie Regional Research Data Centre is located in the Taylor Family Digital Library at the University of Calgary, and includes a Branch RDC at the University of Lethbridge, and a satellite facility in the TRW Building of the Faculty of Medicine. Like other university-based RDCs, the University of Calgary's Centre is in effect an extension of Statistics Canada offices, with full-time Statistics Canada analysts situated on site to screen data and ensure compliance with confidentiality policies and procedures. For more information, please see the web site at [crdcn.org](http://crdcn.org).

The Academic Director for the Prairie Regional Research Data Centre is appointed by the Vice-President (Research) and reports to the Vice-Provost (Libraries and Cultural Resources). Responsible for the research activities of the RDC, the Academic Director provides leadership in promoting the RDC and the RDC network to members of the University of Calgary research community and to other research communities for whom RDC's resources and services could prove beneficial. The Academic Director works closely with the University Data Liberation Initiative (DLI) representative to ensure seamless service between public use microdata and confidential Statistics Canada data in the RDC.

The Academic Director chairs the Prairie Regional Research Data Centre Management Committee. Normally the Management Committee meets twice per year, more frequently when required. Matters for consideration by the Management Committee include research projects, both current and potential, involving the Research Data Centre, promotional activities for the Centre, methodological and statistical training for researchers, appointment of new members, cooperation and coordination with units and programmes internal and external to the University of Calgary, funding development, and administration.

The Academic Director is responsible for preparing an annual report of the activities and budget of the Centre. The Academic Director represents the Prairie Regional Research Data Centre nationally on the Academic Council of the Canadian Research Data Centres Network.

A qualified applicant would normally be expected to:

1. Have a tenured or permanent appointment at the University of Calgary;
2. Possess knowledge of the local facility and CRDCN aims, structure, and operation;
3. Possess knowledge of Statistics Canada's data holdings, policies, and procedures;
4. Take an active interest in the research being undertaken at, and data files being introduced to, the facility;
5. Understand the value of the local facility and the CRDCN and be a strong advocate for both; and
6. Have strong communication and organizational skills to represent the University of Calgary as the local lead of a national network and Major Scientific Initiative (MSI).

The following knowledge and experience would also be considered assets:

1. Experience working with Statistics Canada microdata;
2. Familiarity with Tri-Council and CFI awards, policies, and procedures;
3. Experience managing research project budgets with funding from multiple sources;
4. Experience liaising with university senior administration; and
5. Experience working with or managing a university research network.

Letters of application with a current curriculum vitae and the names of two referees should be addressed to Dr. André Buret, Interim Vice-President (Research) and submitted to the office of the Associate Vice-President (Research) at [avpr@ucalgary.ca](mailto:avpr@ucalgary.ca) by Friday, July 19, 2019. Further information concerning this position may be obtained either from Dr. Richard Wanner, Professor Emeritus of Sociology and Retiring Academic Director [wanner@ucalgary.ca](mailto:wanner@ucalgary.ca), or Dina Lavorato, RDC Analyst, at [rdc@ucalgary.ca](mailto:rdc@ucalgary.ca)