



### **Tier 1 Canada Research Chair in Indigenous Journalism, Media, and Public Discourse**

The Faculty of Arts invites applications from existing faculty members within UBC for a SSHRC Tier 1 Canada Research Chair (CRC) in Indigenous Journalism, Media, and Public Discourse. Candidates will have a PhD degree and a compelling research record that demonstrates scholarly ability in the intersections of Journalism Studies and Indigenous Studies, and a firm grounding in Media Studies. We would regard with preference those with expertise in multidisciplinary approaches drawing on anthropology, environmental studies, and science technology. Tier 1 Chairs, tenable for seven years and renewable once, are for outstanding researchers acknowledged by their peers as world leaders in their fields.

The successful candidate will be an international leader in their field of research whose scholarly profile and research proposal meet the criteria of the CRC program and demonstrate an excellent fit with institutional strategic goals and the aims of the position. The Chair will be expected to maintain an outstanding program of research, to teach at the undergraduate and graduate levels, to supervise undergraduates, graduate students, and postdoctoral fellows, to contribute to service within the University and to the profession. Contributions to graduate education would include teaching in the Master of Journalism program and attracting graduate-level trainees seeking to specialize in Indigenous journalism or media ethics. In addition, the Chair could contribute to undergraduate instruction, supervision, and/or mentorship in other units (for example, through the Bachelor of Media Studies Program) and participate in Indigenous new media initiatives in collaboration with colleagues in the Institute for Critical Indigenous Studies.

The School of Journalism, Writing and Media (JWaM, <https://journalism.ubc.ca>) offers a Master of Journalism degree designed to provide academic grounding alongside professional experience across a variety of media platforms. The MJ program features three core courses: Integrated Journalism; Media Ethics and Leadership; and Media Law. The Institute for Critical Indigenous Studies is an academic unit that supports interdisciplinary research in indigenous critical theory and politics, arts research, applied social practice within the humanities and social sciences, and documentation, preservation, and revitalization of First Nations and endangered languages. The Bachelor of Media Studies Program is a multidisciplinary, direct-entry program that encourages students to build a strong theoretical and research-based foundation that can be applied across various media and creative industries.

Applicants must meet the eligibility requirements for a Tier 1 CRC position. Tier 1 CRC nominees must be Professors or Associate Professors who are expected to be promoted to the Professor rank within one or two years of the nomination. The Canada Research Chairs Program supports outstanding researchers in areas that will further UBC's strategic research plan. All Chair nominations are subject to review and final approval by the CRC Secretariat. Please consult the Canada Research Chairs website [www.chairs.gc.ca](http://www.chairs.gc.ca) for full program information and further details on eligibility criteria.

The CRC in Indigenous Journalism, Media, and Public Discourse will join the Faculty of Arts, home to over twenty Canada Research Chairs across a wide range of humanities and social science units. UBC Arts is a Faculty of distinction and excellence in both teaching and research. For more information about the Faculty of Arts, visit [www.arts.ubc.ca](http://www.arts.ubc.ca) and for information about the School of Journalism, Writing, and Media, visit <https://journalism.ubc.ca>.

All application materials are to be submitted electronically through the website: <https://ardo.air.arts.ubc.ca/?p=3600>. Applicants should be prepared to upload (in the following order): a curriculum vitae; a research proposal (max. 3 pages) for a Tier 1 CRC in Indigenous Journalism, Media, and Public Discourse; a sample of published research; evidence of teaching effectiveness; a statement of teaching philosophy/teaching practice (max. 1 page); a one-page statement about your experience

working with a diverse student body and your contributions or potential contributions to creating/advancing a culture of equity and inclusion; and contact information for at least four potential referees from whom confidential letters of assessment can be obtained.

Inquiries about the position may be addressed to the chair of the search committee, Professor Brett Eaton at [artsad.rg@ubc.ca](mailto:artsad.rg@ubc.ca). Nominations are subject to review by the CRC Secretariat, and appointment as a CRC is conditional upon their approval. The earliest anticipated start date for this CRC position is **September 1, 2020**. The closing date for applications is **February 13, 2020**. Only complete applications will be considered by the committee.

In assessing applications, UBC recognizes the legitimate impact that leaves (e.g., maternity leave, leave due to illness) can have on a candidate's record of research achievement. These leaves will be taken into careful consideration during the assessment process.

UBC welcomes and encourages applications from persons with disabilities. Accommodations are available on request for all candidates taking part in all aspects of the selection process. To confidentially request accommodations, please contact Professor Gillian Creese, Associate Dean Faculty and Equity at [gillian.creese@ubc.ca](mailto:gillian.creese@ubc.ca).

The University is committed to creating and maintaining an inclusive and equitable work environment for all members of its workforce, and in particular, for its employees with disabilities. An inclusive work environment for employees with disabilities presumes an environment where differences are accepted, recognized, and integrated into current structures, planning and decision-making modes. For additional information regarding UBC's accommodation and access policies and resources (for faculty and staff as well as students), please visit the Centre for Accessibility: <https://facultystaff.students.ubc.ca/student-development-services/centre-accessibility/faculty-and-staff-disabilities>.

Equity and diversity are essential to academic excellence. An open and diverse community fosters the inclusion of voices that have been underrepresented or discouraged. We encourage applications from members of groups that have been marginalized on any grounds enumerated under the B.C. Human Rights Code, including sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, racialization, disability, political belief, religion, marital or family status, age, and/or status as a First Nation, Métis, Inuit, or Indigenous person. All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply.

In accordance with UBC's CRC Equity, Diversity, & Inclusion Action Plan, and pursuant to Section 42 of the BC Human Rights code, the selection will be restricted to members in one or more of the following designated groups: women, visible minorities (members of groups that are racially categorized), persons with disabilities, and Indigenous Peoples. Applicants to Canada Research Chair positions are asked to complete this equity survey ([https://ubc.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_6WJHol7SfPxRMu9](https://ubc.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_6WJHol7SfPxRMu9)) as part of the application process, and applicants must self-identify as belonging to one or more of the designated equity groups to be considered for the position. Because the search is limited to those self-identifying as members of designated equity groups, candidates must also provide their name when completing the equity survey in order to be considered.

Personal information is collected under the authority of sections 26(a) and 26(c) of the BC Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. The information you provide will only be used to determine whether you qualify for participation in this hiring process. Equity Survey Data will be collected by the UBC Equity & Inclusion Office and only the names of those who identify as women, visible minorities (member of groups that are racially categorized) and/or Indigenous Peoples will be shared with the search committee. Currently, UBC's CRC complement has a gap in representation of persons with disabilities. Until such time as this is remedied, the names of those self-identifying as having a disability will be provided separately to the search committee. Responses will be stored in a secure database.