

Public Affairs Research Excellence Chairs

In our on-going work to promote a research-intensive environment and reinforce a culture of research excellence, the Faculty of Public Affairs has created three Research Excellence Chairs. There is a chair at each academic faculty rank open to any full time tenured or tenure-track faculty member in FPA (not including instructors). Each Excellence Chair recipient receives an unrestricted research grant of \$12,500 per year for 3 years. At the agreement of their Chair or Director, they may use a portion of these funds to buy (at most) one 0.5 credit teaching release each year at the rate of \$7,500. The first four competitions (for the first Assistant Professor, Associate Professor and Full Professor Chairs and for a second Assistant Professor Chair) are now complete. We are pleased to announce the competition for the Associate Professor Chair as part of the second round of the program. It is expected that the selected candidate will take up the Chair starting July 1, 2021.

Eligibility:

Expectations:

Recipients of a Public Affairs Research Excellence Chair are expected to:

- Give a public lecture based on their research in the final year of their term as Chair.
- Hold or apply for external funding, as a principal investigator, at least once during their tenure.
- Help develop the culture of research in their unit and in FPA.
- Recognize the support of the Faculty of Public Affairs and refer to themselves as a Public Affairs Research Excellence Chair in the dissemination of their research, such as in scholarly books (monographs) and articles in scholarly journals or at scholarly events.
- Submit a report at the end of their term documenting their achievements.

Application Process:

The application will include: a CV, a one-page statement of their most significant research contributions, up to five-page research plan or description of an on-going research program for the duration of their Chair, including a plan for knowledge dissemination and a high-level budget outlining how the financial remuneration will be used. **Applications must be sent electronically to the FPA Associate Dean (Research and International) by February 2, 2021.**

If the candidate is short-listed, they will be asked for a list of three possible external arms-length reviewers, who can speak to the quality of their research. The committee will solicit external letters of reference from this list.

Adjudication Process:

The adjudication committee will be comprised of five faculty members and the Associate Dean (Research and International) who will act as chair of the committee. The committee will include at least two representatives from the group of Canada Research Chairs and Endowed Chairs, and at least two representatives from the FPA Research Committee. The members of the committee will be chosen by the Associate Dean (Research and International), in consultation with FPA

- Must hold a full-time tenured or tenure-track faculty appointment at the professorial rank of Associate Professor at the time of the appointment (i.e., July 1, 2021).
- Does not currently hold a Canada Research Chair, Endowed Chair or Canada 150 Research Chair.

Chairs and Directors. The committee will adjudicate applications for these Chairs and make recommendations to the Dean.

Selection Criteria:

- Demonstrated track record of research excellence;
- Demonstrated significant record of peer review publications;
- Evidence of impact within and beyond their discipline;
- Evidence of leadership in research;
- Be proposing an original, innovative research proposal of high quality;
- Evidence of potential to attract, develop and retain excellent trainees, students and future researchers.