

Canada Research Chair (Tier 1) in Black Studies

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Deadline to Apply: August 31, 2019

The Faculty of Liberal Arts & Professional Studies at York University invites applications for nomination to a Tier 1 Canada Research Chair in Black Studies. Applicants can be external to York University or tenured faculty with a current appointment in a LA&PS-based Department or School. The deadline for receipt of applications for this position is August 31, 2019. Salary will be commensurate with qualifications and experience. All York University positions are subject to budgetary approval.

Please note that for applicants from outside of York University, the appointment is contingent upon successful nomination to the Canada Research Chairs program (<http://www.chairs-chaire.gc.ca/>). The start date for this position is January 1, 2020 or as soon as possible thereafter.

Black Studies includes but is not strictly limited to scholars who work in any of the following areas: Black History, Black Culture, Black Literature, Black Diaspora Studies, Black Critical Thought, or who explore the political and economic conditions of black people locally, globally, or in comparative perspective.

The successful candidate must have a PhD in an area relevant to the field of Black Studies in which they work. Nominees for Tier 1 Chair positions must also be Full Professors or Associate Professors who are expected to be promoted to the Full Professor level within one or two years of the nomination.

The Canada Research Chairs (CRC) program seeks to attract outstanding and innovative world class researchers who have made a major impact in their fields. Tier 1 CRCs are expected to be recognized internationally as leaders, have superior records of attracting and supervising graduate students and postdoctoral fellows (taking into account different practices in the relevant field or discipline) and, as chairholders, be expected to attract, develop and retain excellent trainees, students and future researchers; and be proposing an original, innovative research program of the highest quality. Tier 1 CRCs are tenable for seven years and renewable once and the position comes with course release and enhanced research support from the program.

The successful candidate will also be required to work with the support of the Office of Vice President Research and Innovation to prepare the full nomination package for submission to the Canada Research Chairs Secretariat in the Fall.

Applications should include the following materials, to be submitted by August 31, 2019 directly by email to Dr. David Cuff, Director, Strategic Research & Partnerships in the Faculty of Liberal Arts & Professional Studies (dcuff@yorku.ca). Please ensure that 'CRC in Black Studies' is in the subject line:

- 1) An updated CV;
- 2) A statement of qualifications for the CRC (of no more than 1500 words) which should include:
 - a. evidence of involvement in broader intellectual leadership activities, such as the stewardship of initiatives at a national or international level that have had an influence or impact that extends beyond your current institution; and
 - b. a description of the five most significant research contributions that you have made during your career, with an explanation of their significance.
- 3) A description of the proposed research program (of no more than 1500 words);
- 4) A description of your existing and/or expected contributions to research leadership at York University and beyond (of no more than 250 words); and
- 5) Three letters of reference should be sent under separate cover to Dr. David Cuff at the email above by the August 31 deadline. Letters must be from established authorities in the field who are not in a conflict of interest and should address your international status and the specific impacts of your research, and the broader value of your research contributions. At least one letter should be from a recognized authority in your field who does not reside in the country in which you are currently working.

York University has a policy on [Accommodation in Employment for Persons with Disabilities](#) and is committed to working towards a barrier-free workplace and to expanding the accessibility of the workplace to persons with disabilities. Candidates who require accommodation during the selection process are invited to contact Associate Dean Sandra Whitworth (adres@yorku.ca).

For this nomination, we are particularly interested in candidates with diverse backgrounds and especially encourage candidates in equity, diversity and inclusion categories, including members of the four designated groups (women, members of visible minorities (racialized groups), Indigenous peoples and persons with disabilities) to apply. York and the CRC program recognize the legitimate impact that leaves (e.g. maternity leave, leave due to illness, etc.) can have on a candidate's record of research achievement; as such leaves will be taken into careful consideration during the assessment process.

York University is an Affirmative Action (AA) employer and strongly values diversity, including gender and sexual diversity, within its community. The AA Program, which applies to women, members of visible minorities (racialized groups), Aboriginal (Indigenous) people and persons with disabilities, can be found at www.yorku.ca/acadjobs or by calling the AA line at 416-736-5713. Applicants wishing to self-identify as part of York University's Affirmative Action program can do so by downloading, completing and submitting the form found at: <http://acadjobs.info.yorku.ca/affirmative-action/self-identification->

[form](#). All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply; applicants who are external to York University will not be considered without a completed mandatory Work Status Declaration form which can be found at <http://acadjobs.info.yorku.ca/affirmative-action/work-authorization-form>.