

# Canada Research Chair (Tier 1) in Public Law and Public Policy

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Osgoode Hall Law School of York University is inviting applications from outstanding researchers for a **Canada Research Chair (Tier 1) in Public Law and Public Policy**, preferably at the Full Professor level. Osgoode is one of the world's leading law faculties and is committed to setting the standard for excellence in — and pushing the boundaries of — legal scholarship and legal education. The Law School has a long-standing commitment to the robust examination of public law's relationship to society and social justice — doctrinally, theoretically and in terms of public policy implications.

The Canada Research Chair post is intended to further the leadership of York and Osgoode in critically engaged legal scholarship, the advancement of social justice, and the provision of a lasting legacy of benefits to society through public policy contributions. This Tier 1 chair also relates to several of York's comprehensive research strengths as outlined in its Canada Research Chair Strategic Plan, notably Building Healthy Lives & Communities, Forging a Just and Sustainable World, and Integrating Entrepreneurial Innovation and the Public Good.

The ideal candidate will both enhance and continue this tradition of leadership and these strengths, and will demonstrate how she or he would aim to collaborate with other members of the Law Faculty as well as scholars in other York divisions. In this respect, applicants are asked, in particular, to outline a vision for the York Centre for Public Policy and Law (YCPPL), housed at Osgoode, and to indicate whether and how they might be interested in assuming a leadership role with respect to YCPPL in conjunction with the CRC, were this leadership opportunity to emerge. They may also wish to address potential connections between the proposed research plan and one or more other interdisciplinary research hubs at York other than YCPPL.

The selected candidate for this Canada Research Chair (Tier 1) in Public Law and Public Policy will be an exceptional scholar acknowledged by her or his peers as a world leader in the field of public law, most notably constitutional law and administrative law. Osgoode and York are furthermore interested in receiving applications from candidates whose expertise and contributions in constitutional and administrative law connects with public international law, indigenous law, and/or comparative law.

Candidates are expected to present, as part of their application, a well-elaborated research agenda that sets out their plans and ideas for the first four to five years of their tenure as a CRC holder. The holder of the Canada Research Chair is expected to seek grants to support her or his research from the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC), and this expectation should also be addressed in the research agenda.

Finally, candidates are also asked to approach their application as an opportunity to make the case for why and how their own research agenda is, in the candidate's view, of central importance to the future evolution of the discipline of public law in light of contemporary challenges both in Canada and in the evolving conditions of globalization.

## Strategic Commitments

More generally, Osgoode approaches faculty recruitment with an openness to learning about emerging or projected approaches to legal research and legal education from candidates themselves. As such, the recruitment committee places considerable emphasis on candidates' ability to contribute to the enrichment of Osgoode's academic community and intellectual life — as well as to wider societal debates.

In preparing their applications, candidates may also wish to take into account the following general strategic commitments. Osgoode is committed to:

- deepening the integration of Indigenous Law and the perspectives and experiences of Indigenous peoples and persons throughout the Law School's curriculum and community life, as well as deepening Osgoode's long-standing leadership in this area of scholarship.
- being a faculty with a passion for teaching that includes a learning environment that values both experiential education and exposure of students to a variety of theoretical perspectives on law.
- expanding the breadth of research methodologies brought to bear on research and teaching, whether new methodologies or existing methodologies that Osgoode seeks to have better represented.

## Canada Research Chair Program Eligibility Criteria

The successful candidate will be required to work with the Faculties and the Office of the Vice-President Research and Innovation to prepare the formal CRC nomination. The Chair is subject to approval by the CRC program review process.

Eligibility criteria and CRC program information can be found at the following website: <http://www.chairs-chaire.gc.ca>

All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply; however, in accordance with government regulations, Canadian citizens and permanent residents will be given priority.

Candidates are also required to submit a statement demonstrating that they meet the criteria to be appointed as a Tier 1 CRC.

## Commitment to Equity

Osgoode Hall Law School is committed to equality and diversity. The Law School's Employment Equity Plan aims to increase the representation of members from these five groups: women, racialized persons, Indigenous persons, persons with disabilities, and LGBTQ2 persons. Persons identifying as members of these equity-seeking groups are encouraged to apply. The employment equity provisions apply to applicants who self-identify as members of one or more of these groups using the form provided.

Osgoode encourages any candidate who believes career interruptions have negatively affected their record to explain the impact in their cover letter.

## Application Details

This position, subject to final budgetary approval and to the timing of approval within the Canada Research Chair program, will commence July 1, 2017.

Interested individuals should send an application that includes:

- cover letter
- curriculum vitae (CV)
- the names of at least three referees who the candidate has asked to send references (candidates may arrange for as many reference letters as they wish, with a suggestion of five or six being ideal)
- copies of graduate and/or law transcripts
- a research agenda (up to 1,500 words)
- copies of relevant publications (up to 10)
- a statement of teaching philosophy

Applications are to be received as soon as possible, and in any event no later than **Monday, January 9, 2017**. Candidates are asked to submit their application online at: <http://www.osgoode.yorku.ca/faculty-and-research/academic-employment-opportunities/>

Reference letters should be submitted directly by referees to: [facultyrecruitment@osgoode.yorku.ca](mailto:facultyrecruitment@osgoode.yorku.ca)

Applicants who wish to discuss their potential application in advance of applying are invited to contact [Professor Craig Scott](mailto:facultyrecruitment@osgoode.yorku.ca), Chair, Faculty Recruitment Committee, at [facultyrecruitment@osgoode.yorku.ca](mailto:facultyrecruitment@osgoode.yorku.ca)

**Reminder of Deadline for Application: Monday, January 9, 2017**