



**Canada Research Chair (Tier 1) in Technoscience and Indigenous Communities (Associate/Full Professor)
School of Health Policy & Management and School of Nursing, Faculty of Health**

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Application Deadline: February 28, 2024

The School of Health Policy & Management and the School of Nursing, in the Faculty of Health at York University invites highly qualified applicants for a Tier 1 Canada Research Chair (CRC) at the rank of an Associate/Full Professor position in Technoscience and Indigenous Communities. This is a tenure-track appointment to the Professorial Stream to commence July 1, 2024.

The Canada Research Chairs (CRC) program seeks to attract outstanding researchers for careers at Canadian universities. Tier 1 Chairs are intended for outstanding researchers acknowledged by their peers as world leaders in their fields. Appointment to a Tier 1 Chair is for seven years, is renewable once, and comes with enhanced research support from the program. Nominees for Tier 1 Chair positions must 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. Alternatively, if they come from outside the academic sector, nominees must possess the necessary qualifications to be appointed at these levels. The successful candidate is expected to submit a CRC application within two years of this advertisement (December 2025). Please see the [CRC website](#) for further eligibility details.

York acknowledges the potential impact of various life circumstances (e.g., illness, disability, caregiving, family commitments) on a candidate's record of research and other achievements. Candidates are encouraged to describe such circumstances and their impact in their application. This information will be taken into careful consideration during the assessment process.

Recognizing the underrepresentation of Indigenous women and Indigenous gender minorities among CRCs, this position is open only to qualified researchers who indicate on the Affirmative Action self-identification form (see below) that they identify both as Indigenous Peoples of Canada (i.e., First Nations, Inuit, Métis, or registered to a US tribe whose homelands straddle the colonial Canada/US border) and as women or gender non-conforming (e.g., genderfluid, nonbinary, Two-Spirit, trans man, trans woman). The appointment is part of the University's Affirmative Action program, which is based on the special program provisions of the Ontario Human Rights Code.

York University is committed to providing an inviting, rich and supportive work, study and research environment to Indigenous students, staff and faculty members. This includes: cultivating understanding of, respect for and connections with Indigenous communities; integrating Indigenous cultures, approaches and perspectives into curricular offerings and research; collaborating with Indigenous communities; and supporting the recruitment and success of Indigenous students, staff and faculty members. These efforts are guided by the Associate Vice-President Indigenous Initiatives, the Indigenous Council, and the [Indigenous Framework for York University](#) and include the [Centre for Indigenous Knowledges and Languages](#), the [Centre for Aboriginal Student Services](#) and [Skennen'kó:wa Gamig](#), a space for Indigenous faculty, staff, and students.

This is a research-enhanced faculty position partially funded by the [Connected Minds](#) program, funded in part by the Canada First Research Excellence Fund. The successful candidate will be eligible for enhanced start-up funds. In addition, the successful candidate will engage with, and benefit from, the Connected Minds program, which focuses on scholarship in three main themes: I. Co-creating Research for Societal

Needs and Predicted Impact; II. Fundamentals of Social Interaction: Neural, Algorithmic, and Social Networks; and III. Designing and Developing Socially Responsible Technologies. The Connected Minds program is supported by a total of \$318 million in funding over seven years.

Candidate Qualifications¹:

- **Degree:** PhD, MD, DrPH or equivalent doctoral degree with a substantial record of professional experience in Indigenous health and wellness research and programming, and technology is required. Experience in health care practice and/or health care services is highly desired.
- **Scholarship:**
 - A coherent and well-articulated program of research on the health and wellness of Indigenous Peoples and communities through the co-creation of research and the development and/or use of culturally responsive health and wellness-impacting technologies and practices. This may include scholarship on wellness for Indigenous Peoples, addressing holistic (mental, physical, emotional, spiritual) and interconnected (with the natural and spirit worlds, past/future generations) approaches, and/or developing accessible technology and safeguards, including in Indigenous communities. Candidates must have demonstrated leadership abilities in supporting community engagement activities including First Nations, Métis, Inuit and urban Indigenous communities.
 - A record of generating innovative, substantive, rigorous, and as appropriate, externally funded research.
 - A record of making influential contributions and demonstrating excellence in the field by the establishment of community-based research and programming, ongoing health and wellness related activities, publications in peer-reviewed journals, knowledge mobilization with/for communities, presentations at international conferences and workshops, and influence on Indigenous health and wellness policies and programs.
- **Teaching:**
 - A record of excellence in teaching and dedication to students demonstrating experience in decolonizing/indigenizing education, such as addressing issues of conflict resolution, human rights, and/or anti-racism within the curriculum. The candidate should have experience in graduate supervision and developing academic and career pathways for Indigenous health professionals.
 - Suitability for prompt appointment to the Faculty of Graduate Studies, given that the position will involve graduate teaching and supervision.
- **Additional:** The ideal candidate would be able to strengthen partnerships with local Indigenous Peoples and communities.

Hiring Policies:

- Salary will be commensurate with qualifications and experience.
- All York University positions are subject to budgetary approval.
- York is an Affirmative Action (AA) employer and strongly values diversity, including gender and sexual diversity, in its community. Details of the AA Program, which applies to women, members of racialized groups, Indigenous peoples, persons with disabilities and those who identify as 2SLGBTQ+, can be found [here](#) or by contacting Christal Chapman, EDI Program Manager (chapman7@yorku.ca; 416-736-5713).
- York welcomes and employs scholars from all over the world. All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply; however, Canadian citizens, permanent residents and Indigenous Peoples of Canada will be given priority.

Determined by the hiring unit and York University, not the CRC program.

- York has a policy on [Accommodation in Employment for Persons with Disabilities](#) and is committed to working towards a barrier-free workplace and expanding the accessibility of the workplace to persons with disabilities. Applicants who require accommodation are invited to contact Sean Hillier, Search Committee Chair, shillier@yorku.ca.

Application Process:

- Due date for completed applications: **has been extended to February 28, 2024.**
- Required materials: 1) current CV; 2) cover letter, 3) a separate statement of research experience related to Indigenous health and wellness and technology, and 4) a separate teaching statement detailing experience and approach to Indigenizing health curriculum & trainee supervision.
- Provide required information regarding your Canadian work status and self-identification for Affirmative Action purposes as part of the online application.
- Please note that references may be requested at a later point.
- Direct questions about the position to Sean Hillier, Search Committee Chair, shillier@yorku.ca.
- **Submit materials:** [HH CRC Techno](#)

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- York University generates and shares knowledge through our research, teaching and engagement with communities around the world. The [2023-2028 Strategic Research Plan](#) showcases the depth, breadth and ambition of research at York.
- York's commitments to social justice are laid out in our [Decolonizing, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Strategy](#), the [Framework & Action Plan on Black Inclusion](#) and the [Indigenous Framework for York University](#).
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