

## **Canada Research Chair (Tier 2) in Vision, Disability Studies, and the Arts**

The School of the Arts, Media, Performance and Design (AMPD) at York University, Toronto, invites applications for a Tier 2 Canada Research Chair in the area of Vision, Disability Studies, and the Arts. The successful candidate will be appointed to a tenure-track position in AMPD at the rank of Assistant Professor or Associate Professor. One of North America's leading schools for the arts, AMPD offers undergraduate and graduate degree programs in Dance, Design, Computational Arts, Cinema and Media Arts, Music, Theatre, Visual Arts, Art History, and Theatre and Performance Studies. The successful candidate will be placed in a department that closely reflects his or her scholarly/creative strengths.

We seek a candidate who demonstrates excellence or emerging excellence in scholarship/research and teaching in disability studies and the arts, with a broad emphasis on vision and visuality. While we are particularly interested in candidates who specialize in disability and the arts, culture, media, and design, we also welcome candidates who demonstrate a breadth of knowledge and experience in critical disability studies from a range of disciplinary frameworks, such as public policy, law, labour studies, architecture, education, neuroscience, and health. The candidate must be able to work collaboratively across disciplines to develop new interdisciplinary approaches in disability studies and ideally become affiliated with York University's Critical Disability Studies Program. The candidate's research may also concentrate on a range of other topics, including but not limited to: youth and disability, race and disability, queer disability studies, global disability studies, cultural studies & disability, and disability advocacy/activism. The candidate must be widely conversant in key concepts, problems, and topics in contemporary disability research, and the candidate's own research should work to reframe ablest cultural assumptions, elucidate the social complexities of disability experience, eliminate barriers and advance the civil and human rights of persons with disabilities, and pioneer new ways thinking about and theorizing disability.

At the time of appointment, the successful candidate must have a PhD, an outstanding record of research, experience working with undergraduate and graduate students, and be eligible for prompt appointment to the Faculty of Graduate Studies. The successful candidate must also be eligible for appointment to the core membership of York University's Vision: Science to Application (VISTA) research program, a collaborative \$120 million Canada First Research Excellence Fund (CFREF, 2016-2023) supported research program that builds on York's world-leading interdisciplinary expertise in biological and computer vision. As a VISTA member the candidate will benefit from the program funding and have the opportunity to provide leadership in fostering collaborative research, building the external funding base, supervising graduate students, and generating national and international academic, community and industry partnerships. The overarching goal of VISTA is to advance visual science through research that spans computational and biological perspectives and results in real-world applications. The appointed candidate will benefit from fundamental supports to vision science and exciting, widespread applications for visual health and technologies, and as a Canada Research Chair, the

candidate will be offered significant teaching release to advance their program of research. More information about VISTA can be found at <http://vista.info.yorku.ca/>

York University is helping shape the global thinkers who will define tomorrow. Our unwavering commitment to excellence reflects a rich diversity of perspectives and a strong sense of social responsibility that set us apart. As an internationally recognized research university, York's 11 Faculties and 27 research centres have well-established partnerships with 280+ leading universities worldwide. Located in Toronto, York is the third largest university in Canada, with a strong community of 53,000 students, 7,000 faculty and administrative staff, and more than 300,000 alumni.

This appointment is subject to approval by the CRC program review process. The Canada Research Chairs program was established by the Government of Canada to enable Canadian universities to achieve the highest levels of research excellence in the global, knowledge-based economy. Tier 2 Chairs have five-year terms, once renewable, and are intended for exceptional emerging researchers (less than 10 years post terminal degree) who have the acknowledged potential to lead their field of research. Applicants who are more than 10 years from their highest degree, and where career breaks exist, may have their eligibility for a Tier 2 CRC assessed through the program's Tier 2 justification process. For more information regarding eligibility criteria, please consult the CRC website: [www.chairs.gc.ca/](http://www.chairs.gc.ca/).

For this nomination, York is particularly interested in candidates with diverse backgrounds and especially encourages candidates in equity, diversity and inclusion categories. York acknowledges the potential impact that [career interruptions](#) can have on a candidate's record of research achievement and encourages applicants to explain in their application the impact that career interruptions may have had on their record of research achievement. 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 Aboriginal people, visible minorities, people with disabilities, and women, can be found at [www.yorku.ca/acadjobs](http://www.yorku.ca/acadjobs) or by calling the AA office at 416-736-5713. Applicants wishing to self-identify can do so by downloading, completing and submitting the form found at: <http://acadjobs.info.yorku.ca/>. All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply; however, Canadian citizens and Permanent Residents will be given priority.

This position, subject to budgetary approval, will commence July 1, 2018. Applicants should submit a detailed CV, statement of contribution to research and teaching, links to scholarly and/or creative work, and three signed letters of reference electronically.

The application deadline has been extended to March 1, 2018.

Applications should be sent electronically to:  
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