



Acadia offers a stimulating, vibrant environment, on and off campus, where dedicated faculty inspire and challenge students to be their best. Academic innovation has garnered the university a reputation for excellence in teaching and research at the undergraduate and graduate level. Our history of providing excellent academic programs and outstanding student life activities, combined with our setting in the university-oriented community of Wolfville, have all contributed to Acadia being recognized as one of Canada's premier primarily undergraduate universities.

### **Tier 2 Canada Research Chair History of the Atlantic World**

**Position # 40015:** Acadia University invites applications for a Tier 2 Canada Research Chair (CRC) in the History of the Atlantic World. Tier 2 chairholders are exceptional emerging researchers, acknowledged by their peers as having the potential to lead in their field. We seek an active researcher who will bring a collaborative, multi-disciplinary approach to this position.

We are particularly interested in candidates whose work addresses questions of the Atlantic slave trade and African diaspora as these relate to Atlantic Canada, but all research topics will receive serious consideration. Topics of primary interest include but are not limited to the relationship between slavery and empire, gender, settler society, abolition, decolonization, the African church, communities in historical Nova Scotia, borderland and migration formations, including regions along the Atlantic seaboard of North America, the Caribbean, and West Africa. Candidates should indicate how they might offer leadership in creating a Centre of African Canadian Studies at Acadia that will attract scholars, trainees and students.

The selection committee will evaluate candidates on the following criteria: 1) demonstration of particular research creativity; 2) the potential to achieve international recognition in their field in the next five to ten years; 3) as chairholders, the potential to attract, develop and retain excellent trainees, students and future researchers; and 4) the proposal of an original, innovative research program of high quality.

The successful candidate will be nominated by Acadia University to the CRC Program for a five-year, one-time renewable appointment. The nomination may be submitted as early as April 2018, with a CRC decision notice to follow six months later. Nominees for Tier 2 positions are intended to be emerging scholars with positions at assistant or associate professor level, or with qualifications necessary to be appointed to these levels. Applicants are normally expected to have a PhD completed within the last ten years in a relevant area of the Arts; however, in certain instances, candidates may have their eligibility assessed through a [Tier 2 justification](#). Applicants are encouraged to indicate any career interruptions for parental, medical and/or family care and community commitments.

Candidates must submit a curriculum vitae that covers areas of teaching, professional service, outreach, mentoring and research training, and/or account for nontraditional areas of research; a summary of current research; and, in keeping with the Canada Research Chair [nomination form](#) guidelines, an outline of an innovative research proposal (max 6 pages). The proposal should be placed in the context of the [Acadia University Strategic Research Plan](#). Further, the application should include a writing sample. The sample can be a published article or chapter, an unpublished paper, or evidence of professional or community-based research in published or other media, including oral forums. Candidates are also encouraged to submit a statement identifying their strengths and experiences in promoting diversity in their institutional environments.

Potential candidates should review the eligibility guidelines for the Canada Research Chairs program to ensure they meet the criteria. Full details on eligibility criteria can be found at: <http://www.chairs-chaire.gc.ca/home-accueil-eng.aspx>

*Along with their application, candidates should arrange for three confidential letters of reference to be sent to:*

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Acting Dean, Faculty of Arts  
Chair, Selection Committee  
Acadia University, Wolfville, Nova Scotia, B4P 2R6  
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**Closing date: February 28, 2018**

The Canada Research Chairs program imposes no restrictions on nominees with regards to nationality or country of residence. Procedures to allow non-Canadian chairholders to work in Canada have been established by [Employment and Social Development Canada](#) and [Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada](#).

*Acadia University is committed to employment equity and values a diverse and inclusive workplace. We therefore invite applications from Aboriginal peoples, African Nova Scotians, persons with disabilities, visible minorities, and women, as well as persons of any sexual orientation or gender identity. Consistent with the principles of employment equity, the primary criterion for appointment to a position is academic and professional excellence. Candidates who are a member of one of the afore-mentioned groups, and who wish to have the application considered as such, should complete the [Employment Equity Voluntary Self-Identification Form](#) as part of their application package.*