



CANADA RESEARCH CHAIR (TIER I) in Innovation Policy

The University of Saskatchewan invites applications for a Tier I Canada Research Chair (CRC) in the field of innovation policy and strategy. With the assistance of both national and provincial governments and the private sector, the University has made significant investments in major science and technology projects on campus (Canadian Light Source Synchrotron, International Vaccine Centre, etc.). These multi-million-dollar investments have prompted policy analysts within the university to turn their attention to the state of public policy in the broad area of science, technology, and innovation. Public investment in science, technology, and innovation is extensive, but the appropriate architecture and the expected benefits of this investment remain contentious issues.

The Chair will provide leadership by interpreting new and ongoing government programs in science, technology, and innovation and advising on appropriate policies to reconcile diverse agendas. The Chair should have a strong scholarly interest in topics such as the management of risk, the creation of property rights regimes, and the barriers to commercialization of products and processes. Ideally, he or she will also have an interest in a substantive policy field that complements existing university and community capacity in biotechnology, energy and mining, agriculture, and entrepreneurship.

The ideal candidate will have a PhD or equivalent qualification, be a nationally/internationally recognized scholar with a strong record of attracting competitively awarded research funding, and have experience or interest in developing interdisciplinary research partnerships. Applications are welcome from candidates in all fields related to innovation policy. Depending on the successful candidate's disciplinary background, this Tier I CRC could be held in any one of the following units: College of Agriculture and Bioresources, Edwards School of Business, or Johnson-Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy. The successful candidate will be appointed to a tenured or tenure-track position at the Associate or full Professor level. Wherever the appointment is officially located, joint appointments are a welcome possibility, and we expect the Chair to be active in collaboration and communication with a variety of academic colleagues. The Chair will be awarded for a seven-year period and is renewable.

Review of applications will begin immediately and continue until a suitable candidate is found.

For information about the University of Saskatchewan and the colleges/schools mentioned above, please visit www.usask.ca.

The University of Saskatchewan is committed to employment equity, welcomes diversity in the workplace, and encourages applications from all qualified individuals, including women, members of visible minorities, Aboriginal persons, and persons with disabilities. All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply.

To be considered for this opportunity, please send your CV, a letter of introduction, the names of three referees, and a summary of your proposed research program and graduate training philosophy, in confidence, to:

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