

Tier II Canada Research Chair in Indigenous Environmental Studies/Science



Trent University invites applications from scholars with a strong research profile for a Tier II Canada Research Chair (CRC) in the emerging field of Indigenous Environmental Studies/Science.

Indigenous Environmental Studies/Science (IESS) at Trent University is an innovative and multidisciplinary program jointly offered by the Chanie Wenjack School for Indigenous Studies and the Trent School of the Environment. Teaching and research in the IESS program brings together principles and knowledge from Indigenous knowledge and Western science (www.trentu.ca/ies). IESS invites applications for a CRC Tier II position from individuals with a strong record of scholarship in fields that pertain to areas of IESS research. These may include, but are not limited to, Natural Resource Stewardship, Resource Development and Land Restoration with Indigenous Nations/communities, Traditional Indigenous Foods, Plants and Medicines, and Sustainability Planning for Indigenous Nations/communities with consideration for key issues such as water and climate change, Environmental Law and Policy, Jurisdiction and Governance for Indigenous Sovereignty. Candidates must have a demonstrated ability in multi or interdisciplinary, cross-cultural research, as well as the capacity to develop productive collaborations with colleagues in the Chanie Wenjack School for Indigenous Studies and the Trent School of the Environment in areas of local, national or global significance. In addition, they should have the ability to collaborate with colleagues outside of academia in Indigenous communities, governments, NGOs and private sector organizations.

The ideal candidate will have a Ph.D. in science, social science or interdisciplinary studies related to the environment, health, Indigenous studies or a related field. The candidate will have a strong multi-disciplinary background, and the demonstrated potential to lead in their field and attract competitively awarded research funding. Successful candidates are expected to develop a personal, externally funded five-year research plan within an institutional context of active collaboration. It is expected that the candidate will teach one or more courses in the undergraduate degree programs and supervise graduate students in one or more graduate programs. Trent University graduate programs (MA, MSc and PhD) that include IESS related research include Environmental and Life Sciences, Sustainability Studies, Canadian Studies and Indigenous Studies.

For more than 50 years, Trent has been nationally recognized as one of the top Indigenous and Environmental post-secondary institutions and has acted to consolidate and highlight its capacity in the form of two schools, The Chanie Wenjack School for Indigenous Studies, and The Trent School of the Environment (TSE). It is committed to building on its strengths to become the university of choice for future Indigenous and allied environmental leaders. Facilities and initiatives available to our researchers and students include the 1400-acre campus, the First Peoples House of Learning, TRACKS Youth Outreach Program, the Nasivvik Centre for Inuit health and changing environments, the experimental farm, extensive wet and dry laboratory facilities, and the Trent Water Quality Centre, to name a few. In addition, Trent is located in the

Mississauga Traditional Territory of the Anishinaabe Nation in 50km proximity to five First Nations of Treaty 20.

Tier II Chairs are intended for exceptional emerging scholars (i.e., candidates must have less than 10 years of experience as an active researcher in their field at the time of nomination). Applicants who are more than 10 years from having earned their highest degree (and where career breaks exist, such as maternity, parental or extended sick leave, clinical training, etc.) may have their eligibility for a Tier II Chair assessed through the program's Tier II justification process. Please consult the Canada Research Chairs website for full program information, including further details on [eligibility requirements](#).

A Tier II CRC nomination will be submitted soon after a successful candidate has been selected. CRCs are awarded by the CRC Secretariat in Ottawa after a rigorous evaluation, and awards are expected to be announced in the fall of 2018. The Trent appointment will be conditional on a successful CRC nomination.

Applicants should submit electronically by December 15th, 2017 a curriculum vitae, an outline of research interests and plans, copies of 3 recent research publications, and names and contact information of three references who have agreed to provide letters of recommendation to: Cathy Gates, Director, Office of Research, Trent University, Peterborough, Ontario, K9L 0G2, Canada. Email: cgates@trentu.ca For more information about Trent University applicants are invited to visit the [Trent University Webpage](#).

Trent University is actively committed to creating a diverse and inclusive campus community and encourages applications from all qualified candidates and especially welcomes applications from women, members of racialized communities, Indigenous persons, persons with disabilities, persons of all sexual orientations and genders, and others who may contribute to the further diversification of ideas. We also encourage members of equity-seeking groups to self-identify within the cover letter in their application.

Trent University offers accommodation for applicants with disabilities in its recruitment processes. If you require accommodation during the recruitment process or require an accessible version of a document/publication, please contact cgates@trentu.ca. All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply; International applications are encouraged, however, Canadian citizens and permanent residents will be given priority.