

## **Physical Activity, Mobility and Healthy Aging - Canada Research Chair (Tier II) Dalhousie University**

Dalhousie University is inviting applications for a Canadian Institutes of Health Research CRC (Tier II) in the area of physical activity, mobility and healthy aging. This will be a probationary tenure-track or tenure-track position at the rank of Assistant or Associate Professor (depending on the candidate's qualifications and experience). The anticipated start date is January 1, 2019, subject to CRC approval. Dalhousie University's Faculty of Health has significant and varied physical activity, mobility and healthy aging research interests related to prevention and management of chronic diseases and improving the quality of life for adults. The successful candidate will have demonstrated potential and capacity to develop and lead an internationally recognized research program within our [Physical Function and Mobility](#) focus that aligns with our Strategic Research Directions within the Faculty of Health and promotes collaboration with the Faculty's external partners in this area. Specifically the successful applicant's research program will advance our fundamental understanding of the interactive effects of sedentary behaviors and reduced mobility on chronic disease than can be translated into sustainable interventions to reduce sedentary behaviors and increase physical function/activity to improve health. The candidate must have a completed PhD (in a relevant field), an innovative and original program of research, and the capacity to obtain external funding. The successful candidate will have demonstrated experience and expertise in conducting person-oriented research in at least one of the following: cohort studies, interventional studies, community-based research or population health that promotes healthy aging to reduce the burden of chronic diseases.

The successful candidate needs to demonstrate clear evidence of collaborative research and potential for establishing collaborations within our research strengths across the Faculty of Health. These include our Musculoskeletal Health and Neuroscience Teams, our [Centre for Transformative Nursing and Health Research](#) and [Healthy Populations Institute](#), as well as across the University, our Affiliated Health Authorities and external communities who study the relationships between physical activity/mobility and chronic conditions prevalent with aging.

The successful candidate would be appointed to the most appropriate Academic Unit, taking into account the candidate's research expertise and planned program of research and scholarship. Their responsibilities include engaging in innovative externally funded research that represents excellence in physical activity, mobility and healthy aging research and contributes to building collaborative research partnerships with knowledge-user communities, within and across Faculties, and external communities. The successful candidate will contribute to complementary areas of research within the university, provide mentorship for students and junior faculty and will be expected to maintain a minimal teaching program.

The CRC program was established by the Canadian Federal Government with the purpose of attracting outstanding researchers to the Canadian university system. Tier 2 Chairs are intended for exceptional emerging scholars (i.e. the candidate must have been an active researcher in their field for fewer than 10 years at the time of nomination). Applicants who

are more than 10 years from their highest degree (and where career breaks exist, including maternity leave, extended sick leave, clinical training, etc.) may have their eligibility for a Tier 2 Canada Research Chair assessed through the program's Tier 2 justification process. Please contact the research grants office and see the CRC website ([www.chairs.gc.ca](http://www.chairs.gc.ca)) for more information on eligibility.

Completed submissions received before October 20, 2017 will be granted full consideration. Once recommended by the Search Committee, the candidate is considered for an appointment in a relevant Academic Unit, nominated to the VP Research and the Provost & VP Academic at Dalhousie, and finally to the Canada Research Chairs Selection Committee that adjudicates all nominations on a national basis. The offer of an appointment at the Assistant or Associate Professor level will be conditional upon approval by the CRC Selection Committee.

Applications for this position should be made by submission of a cover letter indicating areas of research experience and interests, a curriculum vita, and the names of three referees (with contact information), as three separate PDF files along with a completed Self-Identification Questionnaire, which is available at [www.dal.ca/becounted/selfid](http://www.dal.ca/becounted/selfid) to: Derek Rutherford, Chair – Search Committee CRC Tier II in Physical Activity, Mobility and Healthy Aging, Office of the Dean, Faculty of Health, Dalhousie University, PO Box 15000, Halifax, Nova Scotia, CANADA B3H 4R2 or by email to [beth.weir@dal.ca](mailto:beth.weir@dal.ca) (inquires can also be forwarded to the same email address).

Dalhousie recognizes that career paths can be diverse and that career interruptions may occur. Applicants are encouraged to include, in their cover letter, an explanation of the impact that any career interruptions may have had on their record of research achievement.

Canada Research Chair appointments are open to Canadian researchers, working in Canada or elsewhere, as well as researchers from other countries.

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