

Position Details

Position Information

Position Title	Canada Research Chair
Posting Number	F741P
Type of position	Tenure Stream
Department/Unit	VPRI Office
Location	Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada

About the opportunity

About the Canada Research Chairs opportunity

Dalhousie University invites applications from outstanding international leading and early career researchers to express interest in the Canada Research Chairs (CRC) program. The CRC program offers Canadian institutions the opportunity to nominate a diverse cadre of up to nine outstanding researchers for professorships in areas that will further the institution's strategic research plan and enable them to maximize their contributions as centres of research and research training.

The program provides funding to support Tier 1 and Tier 2 Chairs. Tier 1 CRC candidates receive \$200,000 per year over seven years, renewable once. Tier 2 CRC candidates receive \$120,000 per year over five years, renewable once.

The CRC submission process requires application to Dalhousie University (see details below). Successful candidates will be invited to submit a nomination application to the Canada Research Chairs Program. For more details, please visit the [Canada Research Chairs](#) website.

Dalhousie Strategic Research Clusters

Candidates are required to address how their research advances one or more of Dalhousie's Strategic Research Clusters in their application:

- [Sustainable ocean](#): Leading the world in ocean research, Dalhousie scholars advance marine science through research breakthroughs, innovative technology, and global partnerships.
- [Healthy people, communities, and populations](#): Dalhousie research aims to improve health systems, develop better treatments, and shape policy, addressing the biological and social determinants of health, driving improved health outcomes for all.
- [Climate tech and clean energy](#): Dalhousie researchers are working to develop clean, carbon-free technologies that will support and enable the transition to a more sustainable future. This effort extends towards the engineering and commercialization of innovative breakthroughs, including long-life batteries for electric mobility, new materials, and alternative fuels
- [Culture and society](#): Research at Dalhousie in the humanities, social sciences, and arts is helping to illuminate our understanding of the world around us and guide us towards solutions to some of society's most pressing challenges.
- [Sustainable food systems](#): Dalhousie researchers are employing cutting-edge methods, like precision agriculture and artificial intelligence, to gain a deep understanding of the mechanisms that drive growth and sustainability to create potential solutions for food challenges on the local and global levels.
- [AI and digital innovation](#): Dalhousie researchers are using AI to find solutions to pressing local and global challenges, including climate change, health care, food production, and cyber security.

Applicants are also encouraged to consider how their research advances one or more of the following strategic priority areas identified by the Government of Canada as critical to global and national challenges:

- advanced digital technologies (including Artificial Intelligence, quantum and cybersecurity);
- clean technology and resource value chains;
- defence and dual-use technologies;
- democratic and community resilience;
- environment, climate resilience and the Arctic;
- food and water security;
- health and biotechnology; and
- manufacturing and advanced materials.

Chairholders are expected to build meaningful partnerships across sectors and with Indigenous communities, and to ensure that research outcomes translate into practice, policy or commercialization pathways with measurable societal and economic benefit.

Qualifications and Eligibility

The CRC program is intended for outstanding researchers who are prepared to establish and advance an independent research program in Canada. To be eligible, candidates must:

- Tier 1: Be an outstanding researcher acknowledged by their peers as world leaders in their fields, at the associate or full professor level.
- Tier 2: Be an early career researcher within 10 years of their highest degree, poised to become an international leader in their field.

Associated positions for consideration

Dalhousie is also inviting applications from exceptional internationally based researchers through the Canada Global Impact+ Research Talent Initiative.

Canada Impact+ Research Chairs

Canada Impact+ Research Chairs are designed for internationally renowned researchers who are ready to establish a major research program in Canada. Positions receive \$8 million or \$4 million, over eight years.

Learn more: <https://dal.peopleadmin.ca/postings/20087>

Canada Impact+ Emerging Leaders

Canada Impact+ Emerging Leaders are internationally recognized scholars in the early stages of their careers who are poised to accelerate research excellence, translation and partnership. Positions are supported by \$100,000 per year for six years.

Learn more: <https://dal.peopleadmin.ca/postings/20088>

Why Dalhousie

Dalhousie is the only East Coast member of Canada's U15, the country's leading group of research-intensive universities. With more than 250 million dollars in annual research funding, we are Atlantic Canada's engine of discovery and innovation. Anchored in Halifax, Nova Scotia, with additional agricultural and medical campuses and academic and clinical programs across the province and beyond, we drive positive change in the communities we serve locally, nationally, and around the world.

Our faculty work within a highly collaborative research community supported by major infrastructure, including Canada's largest aquatic research facility and advanced platforms accelerating discoveries in health and the physical sciences. Researchers contribute to and benefit from a growing network of centres, institutes, and hubs driving discovery and industry partnership in areas like battery innovation and clean technologies, carbon capture and storage, additive manufacturing, AI and semiconductors, vaccine and immunotherapy development, genomics, cancer treatment, and much more.

We lead Canadian universities with an extensive ecosystem built to support research commercialization. Our researchers own and control their intellectual property. And, from idea to impact, we support researchers at every stage, whether developing and protecting IP, launching a startup, partnering with industry, or advancing social innovation.

Explore more on via our [Dalhousie Research Chairs website](#).

How to Apply

To apply, applicants are asked to provide the following three documents:

1. A cover letter that identifies:

- Alignment with one or more of Dalhousie's Strategic Research Clusters and/or the strategic priority areas (listed above)
- The applicant's start-up funding, infrastructure and space, and research team requirements
- The applicant's interest in coming to Dalhousie, including any relevant connections to the university or region

2. A full curriculum vitae (please include details of research and teaching, scholarly record, funding, collaborations/partnerships with industry government, not-for-profit, and/or community, and leadership experience.

3. A Research Statement, submitted as a single PDF, including the following:

- A five-page (maximum) research statement that includes:
 - An overview of the applicant's research proposal, including knowledge mobilization and innovation activities
 - How the proposed research embeds equity, diversity, inclusion, and accessibility (EDIA) considerations at each stage of the research process
 - Potential to collaborate with other researchers at Dalhousie, Nova Scotia and/or Atlantic Canada, and Canada
 - Social and economic benefits for Canada that will result from the research program, including potential industry, government, not-for-profit, and/or community partnerships
 - Contribution and fit to the research ecosystem in Canada and internationally
- A one-page (maximum) statement that describes the applicant's past experience with attracting and mentoring a diverse group of students, trainees and research personnel, and establishing an equitable and inclusive research environment.
- A one-page (maximum), if applicable: demonstrate how the proposed research program will value Indigenous ways of knowing, how it will extend research knowledge in the field that is significant for Indigenous Peoples and communities and contribute to decolonization.

Application materials must be submitted via PeopleAdmin. Review of applications will continue until nominations are filled. Any general inquiries regarding this posting may be directed to reschairs@dal.ca.

Championing [equity, diversity, inclusion, and accessibility \(EDIA\)](#) is integral to Dalhousie's vision, mission, actions, and culture, and influences how we interact with one another on a daily basis. Our work in this area requires both acknowledging historical injustice and addressing ongoing systemic inequalities within our campus community and beyond.

Dalhousie University commits to achieving inclusive excellence through continually championing equity, diversity, inclusion, and accessibility. In keeping with the principles of Dalhousie's Employment Equity Plan, this position is designated to candidates who self-identify as members of one or more of the following groups: Indigenous Peoples of Turtle Island (especially Mi'kmaq), persons of Black/African descent (especially African Nova Scotians), members of other racialized groups, persons with disabilities, women, and persons identifying as members of 2SLGBTQIA+ communities

Note: To be eligible for this position, you must self-identify as belonging to one or more of the equity-deserving groups listed above. For more information, including details related to our Employment Equity Policy and Plan and definitions of equity-deserving groups please visit www.dal.ca/hiringfordiversity.

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, 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) for more information on eligibility.

Dalhousie recognizes that career paths can be diverse and that career interruptions may occur. Applicants are encouraged to include, in their cover letter or CV, an explanation of the impact that any career interruptions may have had on their record of research achievement. This may include impacts related to life circumstances, for example, illness, disability, family and community responsibilities (e.g., maternity leave, parental leave, leaves due to illness, leaves due to caring for family members, slowdowns due to chronic illness or disability, or COVID-19 impacts). These leaves will be taken into careful consideration during the assessment process.

If you require any support for the purpose of accommodation, such as technical aids or alternative arrangements, please let us know of these needs and how we can be of assistance. Dalhousie University is committed to ensuring all candidates have full, fair, and equitable participation in the hiring process. Our complete Accommodation Policy can be viewed [here](#). To request accommodation at any stage in the hiring process, please contact Kaitlyn Farrell at Kaitlyn.farrell@dal.ca.

Dalhousie University operates in the unceded territories of the Mi'kmaw, Wolastoqey, and Peskotomuhkati Peoples. These sovereign nations hold inherent rights as the original peoples of these lands, and we each carry collective obligations under the Peace and Friendship Treaties. Section 35 of the Constitution Act, 1982 recognizes and affirms Aboriginal and Treaty rights in Canada.

We recognize that African Nova Scotians are a distinct people whose histories, legacies and contributions have enriched that part of Mi'kma'ki known as Nova Scotia for over 400 years.

All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply; however Canadians and permanent residents will be given priority.

The position is subject to the availability of funding and to final approval by Dalhousie University and the Tri-Agency Institutional Programs Secretariat (TIPS).

Candidates from outside Canada may be considered as a nominee for a Canada Impact+ Research Chair (CIRC) or Canada Impact+ Emerging Leaders position or other available opportunities at Dalhousie. The Canada Impact+ Research Chair and Canada Impact+ Emerging Leaders programs were established by the Canadian Federal Government with the purpose of recruiting outstanding researchers to the Canadian university system. Please contact the research grants office and see the [CIRC website](#) for more information on eligibility. Information about the CIRC program at Dalhousie is available on the [Dalhousie Research Chairs website](#).

Posting Detail Information

Open Date	12/19/2025
Close Date	
Open Until Filled	Yes
Quick Link for Direct Access to Posting	https://dal.peopleadmin.ca/postings/20089

Documents Needed to Apply

Required Documents

1. Résumé / Curriculum Vitae (CV)
2. Cover Letter
3. Research Statement

Optional Documents