

Canada Research Chair (Tier 2) – Disruptive Pedagogies

Athabasca University (AU) invites applications for a Tier 2 Canada Research Chair in the diverse and interdisciplinary field of Disruptive Pedagogies beginning in July 2020. AU seeks an exceptional emerging scholar with demonstrated potential for leadership and international recognition for a tenure-track appointment at the rank of Assistant or Associate Professor. AU requires the successful candidate to have a PhD in a relevant field and applicants should bring an original program of research, a commitment to transfer knowledge, capacity to receive external funding as well as the potential for building successful research teams.

Disruptive Pedagogies is one of four broad themes identified in AU's Strategic Research Plan and advances pedagogical theory and practice by calling into question traditional views of education and training, including commonly held assumptions about how people learn and how learning can be nurtured and measured. The theme is broad to allow researchers from a wide range of disciplines to apply. This theme embraces a diverse spectrum of topics, including but not limited to best practices in the design and delivery of open, digital, distributed and blended learning across educational settings and learners' lifespans, with a particular emphasis on the measurement of learning outcomes and the use of non-traditional means to credential learning. It also addresses emerging technologies (e.g. artificial intelligence, augmented reality, immersive learning, gaming, learning analytics, robotics, virtual reality) and their potential for personalizing individual learning experiences based on specific learning styles and needs.

The Canada Research Chair Program seeks to attract and retain a diverse cadre of world-class researchers to reinforce academic research and training in Canadian postsecondary institutions. Tier 2 Chairs are intended for exceptional emerging scholars (i.e. candidates 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 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 2 Chair assessed through the program's Tier 2 justification process. Candidates are encouraged to highlight how alternative paths and/or interruptions have impacted them in their applications. Appointment to a Tier 2 Chair is for five years and is renewable once. Please consult the Canada Research Chairs website for full program information, including further details on eligibility criteria, www.chairs-chaire.gc.ca.

Athabasca University develops and maintains an environment that supports equitable working conditions for individuals traditionally unrepresented in universities. AU is committed to employment equity, encouraging applications from women, Indigenous Peoples, persons with disabilities, and members of visible minorities. All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply; however Canadians and permanent residents of Canada will be given priority.

AU is committed to ensuring that the application and interview process is accessible to all applicants; if you require accommodations or have questions about AU benefits, services, accommodations policies or equity considerations, please contact Ms. Carrie Potts, Senior Human Resources Advisor, Athabasca University via email at cpotts@athabascau.ca.

To learn more about this exciting opportunity, please contact Cameron Geldart or Maureen Geldart at 604.926.0005. Applications for this position should be made by the submission of a cover letter indicating areas of research experience and interest, a curriculum vitae, a brief five-year research plan, examples of relevant scholarly work and the names of three references (with contact information) to nicola@thegeldartgroup.com. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled.