Tier 2 Canada Research Chair in Primary Care  
Faculty of Medicine, Dalhousie University

Dalhousie University's Faculty of Medicine invites applications for a Tier 2 Canada Research Chair (CRC) in Primary Care. The appointment will be career stream at the rank of Assistant or Associate Professor.

Primary Care, in this context, refers to first contact and continuing care for patients by health system health care providers. It is nested within the broader notion of Primary Health Care, a community and population approach in policy and health service design, to meet the needs of populations. Primary Care research is a priority for Dalhousie University (https://www.dal.ca/research.html) and its Faculty of Medicine (https://medicine.dal.ca/about/-dalmedforward.html) and has been named a Health Priorities Cluster. Dalhousie University, along with Nova Scotia’s government, health authorities, post-secondary institutions, industry, and residents, is a member of the Nova Scotia Integrated Health Research and Innovation Strategy (NS IHRIS) (https://nsihris.wordpress.com/). The successful applicant for this Tier 2 CRC will be expected to develop their research program in partnership and aligned with Nova Scotia Health Authority priorities and through work with other researchers in the inter-faculty Collaborative Health Solutions research efforts.

The successful candidate will be located in the Department of Family Medicine (https://medicine.dal.ca/departments/department-sites/family.html), which operates a tri-provincial, multi-site program with a robust embedded research program engaging in interprofessional collaboration. Family Medicine is a key research partner in the Dalhousie Collaborative Research in Primary Health Care, a strategic interfaculty research initiative created to be health system responsive in its work (https://www.dal.ca/sites/cor-phc/home.html). The Department hosts the CIHR SPOR primary and integrated healthcare innovations network known as Building Research for Integrated Primary Healthcare in Nova Scotia (bricns.com), and is home to a practice-based research network, the Maritime Family Practice Research Network (MaRNet), a node in the Canadian Primary Care Sentinel Surveillance Network (http://cpcssn.ca/). These research networks have strong participatory membership and co-leadership in research from Nova Scotia Health Authority health system partners. Patient and provider partners have also become strong members of our research collaborations. Over the last five years these partners have come together to form a dynamic, interactive health-system linked team focused on creating evidence to strengthen primary care. This integrated research partnership supports a provincial, national and international research agenda as evidenced by its leading annual KT event (https://bricns.com/primary-health-care-research-day/).

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 CRC Tier 2 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, an explanation of the impact that any career interruptions may have had on their record of research achievement.

Candidates for this CRC Tier 2 position must be excellent emerging researchers who have demonstrated creativity in interdisciplinary research with a focus on Primary Care; have achieved a level of success which suggests the potential to achieve international recognition in their particular field of research over the next five years; and, have the potential to attract and teach excellent trainees, students and future researchers. Candidates must have a PhD and/or MD; those with an MD must also have a thesis-based Master’s degree or doctorate. This position will be considered tenure stream for
candidates with a PhD and a continuing appointment for candidates with an MD. All candidates must have an excellent publication and teaching record and possess the necessary qualifications to be appointed at the Assistant or Associate Professor rank.

The application period will close Sept 27, 2019. Applications should include a curriculum vitae, a two-page description of your proposed research program, a brief statement of your teaching philosophy, and a completed Self-Identification Questionnaire, available at www.dal.ca/becounted/selfid. In addition, please arrange to have 3 letters of reference (2 of which must be academic) sent under separate cover. All materials should be sent as a single PDF file to Dr. Fred Burge, Chair of Search & Selection Committee c/o Eileen Brown, Research Secretary, Department of Family Medicine, Dalhousie University, 1465 Brenton Street, Suite 402, Halifax, NS Canada B3J 3T4. E-mail: dfmresearch@dal.ca.

Dalhousie University is committed to fostering a collegial culture grounded in diversity and inclusiveness. In keeping with the principles of employment equity and the CRC program’s equity targets, this position is restricted to candidates who self-identify in one or more of the following groups: racially visible persons, women, Aboriginal or Indigenous persons, persons with a disability, or persons of minority sexual orientations or gender identities. (See www.dal.ca/becounted/selfid for definitions of these groups.) All such qualified candidates are encouraged to apply; however, Canadians and permanent residents will be given priority.

Dalhousie University recognizes its obligation to accommodate candidates in order to ensure full, fair, and equitable participation in the hiring process. Our complete Accommodation Policy can be viewed online at: www.dal.ca/policies. To request accommodation at any stage in the hiring process, or for further information on this position, please contact Eileen Brown at dfmresearch@dal.ca.

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