Department of Biochemistry, Microbiology and Bioinformatics
Canada Research Chairs Competition
Call for External Applications

The Department of Biochemistry, Microbiology and Bioinformatics of the Faculty of Science and Engineering at Laval University (Quebec City, Canada) solicits applications for submission to a competition for CIHR Canada Research Chairs (tier 2).

The Department wishes to identify a promising young researcher in bioinformatics or computational biology to be considered for the internal competition. The successful candidate will be expected

• to develop a very strong externally funded research program in bioinformatics or computational biology, in a field such as genomics, proteomics, cell biology, systems biology or synthetic biology, without necessarily being limited to them.
• to demonstrate high interest and ability in teaching bioinformatics and biological sciences in general.
• to demonstrate good communication skills in French (or be strongly committed to acquire such skills).

Laval University offers a strong research and teaching environment in the heart of Quebec City, recognized for its leadership and culture of excellence in both teaching and research. Quebec City is an UNESCO’s World Heritage Site and represents the perfect marriage of European and North American cultures. Quebec City's metropolitan region offers an unparalleled quality of life. Quebec City's metropolitan region has one of the strongest concentrations of researchers and research centers in Canada. The Department of Biochemistry, Microbiology and Bioinformatics includes 20 professors in all areas of biochemistry, microbiology, biophotonics and bioinformatics and is teaching and supervising 300 undergraduate and 80 graduate students.

University’s commitment to equity, diversity and inclusion
Laval University promotes excellence in research and research training and ensures equal opportunities for all candidates in accordance with its recruitment policies, including the "Access Equality of Employment Program".

For the University, excellence and equity are compatible and complementary. For example, Laval University has defined its Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Action Plan to increase the representation of women, Aboriginal people, people with disabilities and those belonging to visible minorities in Canada Research Chair (CRC) positions at our institution.

As a result, this competition is open to all nominations, including those from minority groups i.e., women, Aboriginal peoples, persons with disabilities and persons belonging to visible minorities. However, due to the underrepresentation of persons belonging to visible minorities and persons with disabilities, priority will be given to applications from individuals who identify themselves as belonging to one or both of these groups and with a comparable level of excellence.

Required profile
The Canada Research Chairs Program (CRC) aims to attract and retain some of the most accomplished and promising researchers in the world.
For Tier 2 Research Chairs, applicants are new investigators, recognized by their peers for their potential or achievements in their field. They must offer a promising and innovative research program as well as demonstrate interest and competency in teaching. They must have been active in their field for less than 10 years at the time of the nomination.

Candidates who obtained their most advanced degree more than 10 years ago (and whose career has been interrupted for reasons mentioned below) may have their eligibility to a Tier 2 Chair evaluated according to the CRC Program. For more information, please contact Jean-Philippe Marquis (jean-philippe.marquis@vrr.ulaval.ca) at the Office of the Vice Rector of Research, Creation, and Innovation (VRRCI) at Laval University.

Career interruptions and delays
To respect its commitments in terms of diversity and equity, Laval University recognizes that career interruptions like parental leave, medical leave, clinical training, health-related family issues or handicaps can have adverse effects on productivity and research accomplishments. Candidates are therefore encouraged to mention these aspects in their letter of intent, when applicable.

Furthermore, within the scope of this call for applications, conciliation measures can be confidentially offered to people living with a handicap. If you require such a conciliation measure, please contact the person in charge of equity, diversity and inclusion considerations at the Faculty of Science and Engineering, Patrice Bouchard at Patrice.Bouchard@fsg.ulaval.ca, Tel.: 418-656-2131 ext. 406543.

Submission of the documents
- A CRC curriculum vitae which has two sections, namely
  - The CRC CV form.
  - The CRC CV annex as required on pages 4 to 7 in the CRC CV form.
  - A description of the research program (3 to 6 pages) as required in sections 2a to 2f of the CRC nomination form.

Deadline for reception of applications by the Department
June 2nd, 2019.

Interested persons are invited to contact Steve Charette, Department Director, as soon as possible to submit their application (steve.charette@bcm.ulaval.ca).

Additional information
Applications selected by the Department of Biochemistry, Microbiology and Bioinformatics must successfully pass an internal selection at Laval University (preselection of the Faculty of Science and Engineering and selection by the institutional committee) and evaluation by the Canada Research Chair. Applications will be evaluated according to the following criteria: quality of the chair holder, quality of the research program, structuring effect, and commitment of the community.