

Communication Studies – CRC Tier II – Critical Disability Studies and Media Technology

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATION STUDIES CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY, MONTREAL

Concordia University's Department of Communication Studies invites applications for a full-time tenure-track position as the Canada Research Chair (Tier II) in Critical Disability Studies and Media Technology. The ideal candidate will be a scholar, or scholar/media-maker, with outstanding promise to be a leading international voice in critical disability studies. Successful candidates will be expected to teach at all levels and to develop a significant collaborative research agenda that builds departmental distinctiveness in the intersection of disability and media studies. We especially welcome critical race, post-colonial, indigenous, and feminist approaches.

Founded in 1965, the Department of Communication Studies at Concordia University is Canada's oldest degree-granting department in the discipline. Our expertise and major research contributions have been in cultural studies, feminist media studies, moving image studies, sound studies, environmental studies, game studies, mobility studies, critical race theory, media history, and the politics of identity. The Department offers programs leading to BA, Graduate Diploma, MA, and PhD degrees. The undergraduate Degree in Communication Studies is well known for its integration of media production and critical theoretical perspectives; we offer the only undergraduate BA in Communication and Cultural Studies and the only graduate diploma in Communication in Canada; we have over thirty years of experience running our MA in Media Studies, which includes over twenty-five years of innovations in research-creation methods; our growing PhD program offers students advanced training in media and cultural studies. In keeping with Concordia's mission, the Department fosters inclusivity in its research, curriculum, and teaching practices, and is committed to serving the needs of a diverse student population. Candidates are encouraged to visit our departmental website for additional information concerning our programs and priorities:

<http://www.concordia.ca/artsci/coms.html>

RESPONSIBILITIES

The appointed candidate will be expected to demonstrate research leadership, to produce high-impact innovative scholarship and/or research-creation, to teach at all levels, to supervise undergraduate and graduate students, to contribute actively to the life and reputation of the Department and the University, and to participate significantly in an international scholarly community.

QUALIFICATIONS

Candidates will have a PhD in Communication or Media Studies, or in a cognate area, by the date of appointment as well as successful teaching experience, proven grant-writing abilities, evidence of scholarly and/or research-creation contribution, and significant promise of research distinction.

ELIGIBILITY

Candidates eligible for Tier II chair positions must be exceptional emerging scholars within 10 years of their highest degree 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 II chair assessed through the program's [Tier II justification process](#). Please consult the Canada Research Chairs [website](#) for full program information, including further details on eligibility criteria.

COMPENSATION

Concordia offers faculty a competitive compensation and benefits package covering health insurance, pension and retirement benefits, paid parental leave, and savings programs. We also provide mentoring and support for research, scholarship, and publication as part of our commitment to ongoing faculty professional development.

APPLICATIONS

Subject to budgetary approval, the position will begin August 1, 2018. Applications must be received by no later than November 15, 2017. They should be sent as a single PDF to Sheelah O'Neill, Department Administrator at sheelah.oneill@concordia.ca with the subject heading *CRC - Critical Disability Studies and Media Technology*.

The application must consist of the following items, in the given order:

- letter of introduction and intent
- a five-page proposed research programme
- a statement on teaching philosophy
- a curriculum vitae
- samples of recent publications (and creative work, if appropriate)
- evidence of teaching effectiveness (e.g. syllabi and teaching evaluations)
- the names of three references

For inquiries, please contact:

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All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply for this position; however, Canadians and Permanent Residents will be given priority. Concordia University is strongly committed to employment equity within its community, and to recruiting a diverse faculty and staff. The University encourages applications from all qualified candidates, including women, members of visible minorities, Aboriginal persons, members of sexual minorities, persons with disabilities, and others who may contribute to diversification.