

Simon Fraser University Chair in Autism Research and Intervention

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(Equivalent to a CRC Tier II)

Characterized by significant deficits in cognitive, communicative and social capacities, autism spectrum disorders (ASD) represent a significant health concern to Canadians. To address this need for Canadians, the provincial government of British Columbia (B.C) and the federal government have assisted in establishing a *Chair in Autism Research and Intervention* in the Department of Psychology at Simon Fraser University. The successful candidate will join a collaborative and multidisciplinary “home network” of basic and clinical research colleagues at Simon Fraser University and across British Columbia focused on developing and implementing optimal intervention strategies for ASD.

The mandate of this initiative is to generate knowledge on autism research and intervention that has an applied impact thereby increasing Canada’s capacity for autism spectrum disorders services and interventions by examining the specific factors that contribute to positive outcomes in the treatment of individuals with ASD. As well the intent is to develop a rich training environment for capacity building in ASD program evaluation, research, and clinical expertise across Canada.

In order to achieve these objectives, the proposed Chair requires a visionary approach to ASD intervention research that can capture diversity in methods. For example, biological treatments such as pharmacology, behaviour therapies, and parent/family research would all be relevant research targets to improve our understanding of treatment options for the diverse and changing symptoms of individuals with ASD. To that end, the proposed Chair will embrace a ‘cell to society’ perspective to intervention research that leads to the generation of knowledge that has an applied impact. This will be accomplished through a collaborative multidisciplinary approach that builds on significant research partnerships and initiatives already in place within B.C. and across Canada.

We are seeking applications from motivated and prolific researchers interested in this building opportunity. The Chair in Autism Research and Intervention will be a tenure track appointment at the rank of Associate Professor. Emerging scholars at the assistant professor level with demonstrated evidence of research potential may also be considered.

A second complementary position at the assistant professor or junior associate professor rank is also sought to further support the building of an ASD research network at SFU. The ideal candidate for this position would build on the significant clinical training and research partnerships and initiatives on ASD that already exist in B.C and throughout Canada and develop a rich training environment for capacity building in ASD program evaluation, research, and clinical expertise across Canada. The goal of this position is to generate and disseminate evidence based information about best and promising practices for ASD interventions for policy makers, health professionals and the public

The successful applicants will be required to register as psychologists in the province of B.C and will serve as a faculty members of the APA and CPA accredited Clinical Psychology Program at SFU.

All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply; however, Canadians and permanent residents will be given priority. Simon Fraser University is committed to the principle of equity in employment and offers equal employment opportunities to qualified applicants. This position is subject to approval by the University Board of Governors and final budgetary authorization.

Please submit a cover letter, a curriculum vitae, three letters of reference, and copies of representative publications, to:

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Applications will be received until June 30, 2009 or until the position is filled.

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