



Acadia offers a stimulating, vibrant environment, on and off campus, where dedicated faculty inspire and challenge students to be their best. Academic innovation has garnered the university a reputation for excellence in teaching and research at the undergraduate and graduate level. Our history of providing excellent academic programs and outstanding student life activities, combined with our setting in the university-oriented community of Wolfville on the shores of the Minas Basin, have all contributed to Acadia being recognized as one of Canada's premier primarily undergraduate universities.

Canada Research Chair – Tier II Coastal Wetland Ecosystems

Acadia University invites applications for a Tier II Canada Research Chair in Coastal Wetland Ecosystems. The study of the environment is one of the major unifying research themes at Acadia University, with CRC Tier II positions currently held in Environmental Science (environmental biogeochemistry) and Environmental Studies (political ecology). Acadia faculty are involved in environmental research across a broad range of programs at both the undergraduate and graduate level.

Acadia is geographically well situated to support research on coastal wetlands; these ecosystems are regionally and internationally important, and are historically and culturally significant. The successful applicant will have access to coastal research stations, well-equipped analytical and research facilities including the K.C. Irving Environmental Science Centre (<http://kcirvingcentre.acadiau.ca>), the newly constructed Biology building, and the Acadia Centre for Estuarine Research with a 25-year history of research partnerships and multidisciplinary studies in coastal environments in the Maritimes. Acadia has extensive partnerships in this area of research and some funding programs with external agencies. Additional information on Acadia University's facilities and research partnerships can be found at <http://science.acadiau.ca/crc.html>.

We seek an active researcher who will bring a multi-disciplinary, collaborative approach to the study of coastal wetland ecosystems. Areas of primary interest in coastal wetlands may include ecology, conservation and/or climate change impacts and adaptation. Applicants should demonstrate potential as leaders in their field with a strong (emerging) international scholarly reputation and the potential to attract significant external funding. Applicants are also expected to demonstrate the potential to excel at research student supervision and teaching.

Applications must include a curriculum vita, a summary of current research and, in keeping with the Canada Research Chair guidelines, an outline of an innovative research proposal (max 4 pages). The research proposal should specifically address how they would interact with existing research activities and make the most of the research infrastructure at Acadia and its field stations. The proposal should also be placed in the context of the Acadia University Strategic Research Plan - <http://research.acadiau.ca/homepage.html>. Potential applicants should review the eligibility guidelines for the CRC Chair Program to ensure they meet the criteria. Full details on eligibility criteria and research proposals can be found at www.chairs.gc.ca.

Along with their application, candidates should arrange for three confidential letters of reference to be sent to:

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The search committee will begin its review of applications on March 1, 2010; closing date for applications is April 15, 2010.

The University invites applications from all qualified individuals. Acadia University is committed to employment equity in the workplace. Equity principles will be observed at all stages of the nomination and appointment process and women, aboriginal peoples, members of visible minorities and person with disabilities are encouraged to apply.

The Canada Research Chairs Program imposes no restrictions on nominees with regard to nationality or country of residence. Procedures to allow non-Canadian chair holders to work in Canada have been established by Human Resources and Skills Development Canada and Citizenship and Immigration Canada.

While budgetary approval has been granted for this position, Acadia University reserves the right not to fill this position or to fill it at a level different from the advertised level or term.

