

Call for proposals

PROFESSOR—TIER 1 CANADA RESEARCH CHAIR—

N° 08005

Posting period: April 20, 2026 to August 10, 2026, 5 p.m.

JOB DESCRIPTION: Professor

SCHEDULE: Full-time position

DESIGNATED GROUP: Indigenous Peoples

PARTICIPATING FACULTIES: Faculty of Science and Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences




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As part of the call for proposals for the Canada Research Chairs (CRC) Program, the Université de Sherbrooke (UdeS) is seeking applications from individuals who identify as **Indigenous** to fill a professorship for a Tier 1 CRC. The CRC proposal must be in line with one of the following six unifying themes:

- Living in society
- Educating future generations
- Climate action and Biodiversity
- Technological innovation and Quantum sciences
- Sustainable health
- Population aging

This call for proposals is aimed at both current UdeS professors and external candidates. The following faculties are participating in this call for proposals: **Faculty of Science** and **Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences**. The faculty affiliation will be determined based on the candidate's expertise and research program focus.

The Tier 1 CRC is tenable for seven years and renewable once for a further term of seven years. Renewal applications are subject to peer review by the CRC Program and by the UdeS.



The Main Campus and the Health Campus of the UdeS are located on the ancestral territory of the W8banaki Nation, known as Ndakina. With the implementation of the [2021–2026 Action Plan for and with Indigenous Peoples](#), the UdeS is formalizing a series of commitments aimed at strengthening its ability to support the academic success of Indigenous students and to welcome and recognize Indigenous knowledge and cultures on its campuses and within its teaching, research and community service missions. Through concerted action based on collaboration with Indigenous partners, the UdeS is committed to creating a socially and culturally safe environment that understands the realities and issues facing Indigenous peoples, in order to promote their well-being, ensure their full development, and contribute to a more open and just society.

DESIRED PROFILE

The nominee's main area of expertise must relate to one of the above six unifying themes of the UdeS. The CRC Program was established by the Government of Canada to attract and retain some of the world's most accomplished and promising researchers.

Nominees for Tier 1 Chair positions must be full professors or associate professors who are expected to be promoted to the full professor level within one or two years of the nomination. Alternatively, if they come from outside the academic sector, nominees must possess the necessary qualifications to be appointed at these levels.

The nominee will be chosen by a selection committee based on the following criteria:

- Scientific relevance of the proposal
- Structuring impact and relevance of the proposal to the research themes of the UdeS and its programs
- Ability to obtain research funding, primarily in the health sciences sector, for example from the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR), or from one of the following three federal funding agencies: Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR); Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC); Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC).
- Compliance with Tier 1 CRC [selection criteria](#)

Please visit the website of the [CRC Program](#) to find out more about the program and the eligibility criteria for nominees.

CAREER INTERRUPTIONS

In accordance with the diversity and equity objectives, career interruptions for parental, medical and family leave will be taken into account when assessing applications. As such, candidates are encouraged to identify such periods in their curriculum vitae or cover letter.



DUTIES

- Teach in undergraduate and graduate programs.
- Supervise graduate students.
- Develop fundamental, clinical and/or applied research activities.
- Take part in university life.
- Contribute to community service.

ABOUT THE WORKPLACE

Main Sherbrooke Campus.

For the Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences, the workplace may also be Longueuil or Saguenay.

JOB REQUIREMENTS

- Hold a doctorate in a relevant discipline or equivalent experience and education.
- Have a strong interest and aptitude for teaching, university pedagogy, as well as research, development and innovation.
- Demonstrate leadership qualities, initiative and excellent abilities to communicate and interact effectively and smoothly with internal and external partners.
- Have the ability to teach in French or achieve this ability quickly.
- Be able to comply with the requirements related to [responsible conduct in research](#).
- Possess experience in interdisciplinary, multidisciplinary or transdisciplinary research as well as knowledge transfer.
- Be a full professor or an associate professor or have the qualifications required to become one within two years of being nominated.
- Be a member of an Indigenous community, as defined by the members of First Nations, Inuit or Métis peoples as contained in the [directive](#) derived from the [Tri-Agency Policy on Indigenous Citizenship and Membership Affirmation](#).



The working conditions are governed by the collective agreements in force.

Regular, full-time position

Anticipated start date: To be determined

EQUITY, DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION

The Université de Sherbrooke will give priority to applications that contribute to strengthening its strategic commitment to equity, diversity and inclusion (EDI).

UdeS values **diversity, equality, equity and inclusion** within its community and has committed to promoting these values as strategic drivers of excellence, recognizing that diverse perspectives foster innovation and creativity. This commitment is articulated in both the University's **Strategic Plan** and its **EDI Action Plan for Research (2023–2026)**.

Also affirming its will to contribute to reconciliation and healing, the UdeS deploys **joint initiatives** with members of the First Peoples, to better understand and promote their realities and their cultural heritage.

The UdeS invites all qualified individuals to apply. Canadians and permanent residents will be given priority. Nominations for Canada Research Chairs must enable the University to make progress toward achieving its representation targets for women, visible minorities, Indigenous peoples, and persons with disabilities, as defined by the Employment Equity Act and in accordance with the **2022–2029 CRC Target-Setting Plan**. **As such, only applications from Indigenous people will be considered for this Chair.** Documents supporting your claim of citizenship and Indigenous affiliation will be required.

Where applicable based on the candidates' profiles, UdeS will rely on the **Guidelines for the Merit Review of Indigenous Research**, which apply to all Indigenous research regardless of the funding agency.

The Université de Sherbrooke also encourages individuals of all sexual orientations and gender identities to apply.

APPLICATION PROCESS

The deadline for submitting applications is **Monday, August 02, 2026 at 5 p.m.**

Check our website then **submit your application online**. For this opportunity, **see offer 08005**.

Direct link: <https://www.usherbrooke.ca/emplois/offre/no/08005>

Please attach the following documents:

1. Your curriculum vitae
2. A cover letter **indicating the targeted faculty**
3. A research program proposal (5 pages) including the main areas of focus related to your previous work, the objectives pursued, a summary schedule of activities, integration with the overarching theme, training for the highly qualified personnel who will be called upon to collaborate, funding opportunities, and networking
4. Copies of your most recent scientific articles relevant to the fields indicated
5. **Documents** supporting your claim of citizenship and Indigenous identity (Supporting documents must fall under one of the following two options: an official document or a personal statement with supporting references)

IMPORTANT INFORMATION: Candidates may be called for an interview **between August 11, and November 30, 2026.**

For more information:

- [About Université de Sherbrooke](#)
- [Career Opportunities in Research at Université de Sherbrooke](#)
- [Research Excellence at Université de Sherbrooke](#)
- [An exceptional working and living environment \(French\)](#)

