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Canada Research Chair - Tier 1 Position in the Faculty of Health Sciences

Academic Neurologist to lead a Stroke and Brain Health Research Program at McMaster University & the Population Health Research Institute

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Position Description:

The Department of Medicine, Faculty of Health Sciences at McMaster University, Hamilton, Canada, and the affiliated Population Health Research Institute (PHRI) invites applications from experienced academic physician researchers for the position of Canada Research Chair Tier 1 and to serve as the Director of Neurology Research. This is a full-time academic faculty position for a period of seven years (renewable). Academic rank will be commensurate with the candidate’s qualifications and experience. The host institutions will contribute a substantial endowment to support the core costs of the program, and a research chair may be available. The director will be required to generate additional funds from peer review grants, industry, philanthropy, and other sources. It is expected that the Director will identify and recruit additional research scientists and provide mentorship with the objective of creating an internationally recognized and high-impact research team.

The ideal candidate will have a track-record of successful clinical research and of building and leading research programs. The Brain Health Program aims to focus on defining treatments for vascular-mediated and degenerative brain diseases, but all aspects of brain health will be included. The Stroke Program will take advantage of the established PHRI infrastructure for conducting clinical trials and global studies and potential for collaboration with other clinical researchers in stroke, cardiovascular diseases, and related areas. Existing research facilities include a very large biobank, an established global infrastructure and network to carry-out international clinical studies, ongoing large cohort studies which prospectively examine the predictors and consequences of stroke and cognitive decline, a strong group in population genomics and biomarker research and a well-established research culture with experienced, supportive colleagues. Substantial protected research time and funding support to build the program will be available.

Applicants should be certified (or eligible for certification) by the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada and must be licensed (or eligible for licensure) in the Province of Ontario. The successful applicant must demonstrate a compelling vision for both continuing and further developing McMaster’s Faculty of Health Sciences strengths in Brain Health, as well as carrying on and enhancing [McMaster University’s Strategic Research plan](#).

The Canada Research Chair (CRC) Program supports outstanding researchers in areas that will further the institution's strategic research plan. To meet the criteria of the program, nominees must be outstanding and innovative world-class researchers whose accomplishments have made a major impact in their fields; be recognized internationally as leaders in their fields; have superior records of attracting and supervising graduate students and postdoctoral fellows (taking into account different practices in the relevant field or discipline) and, as chairholders, be expected to attract, develop and retain excellent trainees, students and future researchers; and be proposing an original, innovative research program of the highest quality. All nominations for CRCs are subject to review and final approval by the CRC Secretariat. Please consult the CRC website for full program information, including further details on eligibility criteria at http://www.chairs-chaire.gc.ca/program-programme/nomination-mise_en_candidature-eng.aspx.

The Chair will be expected to maintain an outstanding program of research, to teach at the undergraduate and graduate levels, to supervise and cultivate an intellectual community of graduate students working in one of these areas, to help sustain the collegial atmosphere within the Faculty, and to help realize the Faculty's and University's commitment to the goals of equity, diversity, and inclusivity.

Commitment to Inclusive Excellence: Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Statement:

The diversity of our workforce is at the core of our innovation and creativity and strengthens our research and teaching excellence. In keeping with its Statement on Building an Inclusive Community with a Shared Purpose, McMaster University strives to embody the values of respect, collaboration and diversity, and has a strong commitment to employment equity.

The University seeks qualified candidates who share our commitment to equity and inclusion, who will contribute to the diversification of ideas and perspectives, and especially welcomes applications from indigenous (First Nations, Métis or Inuit) peoples, members of racialized communities, persons with disabilities, women, and persons who identify as 2SLGBTQ+.

As part of McMaster's commitment, all applicants are invited to complete a confidential Applicant [Diversity Survey](#) through the online application submission process. The Survey questionnaire requests voluntary self-identification in relation to equity-seeking groups that have historically faced and continue to face barriers in employment. Please refer to the [Applicant Diversity Survey - Statement of Collection](#) for additional information.

Job applicants requiring accommodation to participate in the hiring process should contact the Human Resources Service Centre at 905-525-9140 ext. 222-HR (22247) or the Faculty of Health Sciences Human Resources office at ext. 22207 to communicate accommodation needs.

How to apply:

Interested applicants must include a current curriculum vitae, description of training and research experience as well as the names and addresses of three professional referees. Applicants should also provide a brief description (no more than one page) of their past record in developing and

sustaining high impact research and developing younger colleagues and their vision for developing and funding a high impact research program (one page); and a statement describing contributions that the applicant may have made to advancing equity, diversity and inclusion in teaching, learning, research or service within post-secondary, community-based and other professional settings (2 pages maximum).

Inquiries regarding this position may be directed to:

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Dr. Salim Yusuf, Executive Director, PHRI (salim.yusuf@phri.ca)

McMaster University recognizes the legitimate impact that career interruptions and personal circumstances (e.g., pregnancy, early childcare, eldercare, illness, etc.) can have on a candidate's record of research achievement. Career interruptions and leaves will be taken into careful consideration during the assessment process. We encourage candidates to explain in their applications the impact that career interruptions or other issues may have had as described under "Career Interruptions and Personal Circumstances" under Guidelines for Assessing the Productivity of Nominees at http://www.chairs-chaire.gc.ca/peer_reviewers-evaluateurs/productivity-productivite-eng.aspx#career. Further detail may be found under [Guidelines for Assessing the Productivity of Nominees](#).

Please apply online via the McMaster Faculty Careers website; Job Opening 35665 by February 1, 2021 to ensure full consideration (<http://www.workingatmcmaster.ca/careers/>) directing your application to:

Lorrie Reurink - Manager, Human Resources & Faculty Recruitment).

All applicants will receive an on-line confirmation of receipt of their application; however, only short-listed applicants will be contacted for interviews.

All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply; however, Canadian citizens and permanent residents will be considered first for this position. To comply with the Government of Canada's reporting requirements, the University is obliged to gather information about applicants' status as either Permanent Residents of Canada or Canadian citizens. Applicants need not identify their country of origin or current citizenship; however, all applications must include one of the following statements:

Yes, I am a citizen or permanent resident of Canada

No, I am not a citizen or permanent resident of Canada