

## Canada Research Chair, Tier 1 in Stroke, Cardiovascular Disease and Targeted Interventions

The University of Ottawa invites applications for a Tier 1 Canada Clinical Research Chair (CRC) in Stroke, Cardiovascular Disease and Targeted Interventions. The successful candidate will hold a clinical non-tenure track position with the [Faculty of Medicine's Department of Medicine](#), its affiliated hospital *The Ottawa Hospital*, and its affiliated research institute ([The Ottawa Hospital Research Institute](#); OHRI with the potential for other cross-appointments). The candidate will be a member of the [Brain-Heart Interconnectome](#) (BHI). The BHI is a ground-breaking interdisciplinary research program aimed at accelerating prevention, detection, treatment and care of interconnected brain and heart disorders through research co-produced with patients and other knowledge users. The Chairholder will hold, or will be eligible to hold a licence to practice medicine with the College of Physician and Surgeons of Ontario (CPSO). Chairholder will hold, or will be eligible to hold a licence to practice medicine with the College of Physician and Surgeons of Ontario (CPSO).

We are interested in attracting candidates with demonstrated strengths in acute stroke management and expertise related to the interconnections between stroke and other brain and heart conditions. This research will directly improve the health of the community served by the University of Ottawa and beyond through the identification of novel treatments and methods for stroke. It is expected that the incumbent researcher will have formal graduate training and expertise in stroke clinical research and trials. We are interested in researchers with demonstrated strengths in areas that may include but are not limited to:

- Advancing the science of cerebrovascular medicine with an emphasis on the acute management and prevention of stroke and intracerebral hemorrhage;
- Addressing current and future health needs of stroke patients in Canada and worldwide, including developing and implementing effective interventions to improve the short- and long-term outcomes for patients with stroke;
- Conducting imaging research to identify, risk stratify and direct therapy in patients with cerebrovascular disease;
- Conducting research on the interconnections between brain and heart conditions;
- Developing innovative methods and strategies in the clinical design of stroke clinical trials;
- Conducting research on interventions such as thrombolysis and hemostasis in stroke and intracerebral hemorrhage;
- Leading or facilitating phase 2 and 3 multi-centre clinical trials of novel acute stroke therapies;
- Seeking and maintaining meaningful international collaborations in stroke research;
- Attracting competitive Canadian and international trainees.

The successful candidate will become an integral part of a dynamic, collaborative, and interconnected research environment in the Faculty of Medicine and its associated Research Institutes. As Chair, the researcher will also directly contribute to development of clinical trials designed to improve the survival or quality of life of stroke patients.

**Tier 1 Chairs**, tenable for seven years and renewable once, are for outstanding researchers acknowledged by their peers as world leaders in their fields. For each Tier 1 Chair, the institution receives \$200,000 annually for seven years. 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. New CRC nominees are also eligible for infrastructure support from the Canada Foundation for Innovation (CFI) to help acquire state-of-the-art equipment essential to their work.

#### **Preferential Hiring:**

The University of Ottawa is committed to ensuring equity, diversity and inclusion in the scholarly and leadership environments of our students, staff, and faculty. Accordingly, we strongly encourage applications from skilled and experienced members of the four designated groups such as Indigenous peoples, individuals who are racialized, persons with disabilities, women and gender minorities, as defined in the CRC Program [method for establishing equity targets](#) and the [Employment Equity Act](#), as well as from all qualified candidates with the skills and knowledge to productively implement equity measures that ensure and retain diverse teams and promote inclusive practices for research team members. As part of this preferential hiring process, applications from members of the four designated groups will be prioritized and assessed first for the vacancy. The purpose of this measure is to increase the representation and contribution of members of the four designated groups in the allocation of Canada Research Chair positions. Candidates who wish to be considered as a member of one or more designated groups are asked to complete the confidential self-identification form during the application process online (go to My profile / Employment Equity section).

#### **Skills requirements:**

- **Education :** MD or MD/PhD
- **Required Qualifications:** superior research achievements in the CRC's identified area(s) and proof of interdisciplinary collaborations, a solid record with respect to teaching and training of students at the graduate level, the ability to obtain external research funds, excellent communication skills in either English or French. Passive knowledge of the other Official Language in Canada is an asset.

#### **Rank and salary:**

Clinical non-tenure track academic appointment in the Faculty of Medicine Department of

Medicine. Additional appointment within the relevant affiliated research institute will depend on area of expertise and partnership agreements. Academic rank will be at the Associate or Full Professor level and commensurate with the career stage and track record of the successful candidate.

**Location of work:** Department of Medicine, University of Ottawa, Ottawa, ON K1N 6N5

**Application Package:**

- A cover letter;
- An up-to-date curriculum vitae (Please include any personal circumstances and/or career interruptions such as parental or sick leaves that may have impacted your research trajectory. These will be taken into consideration in the selection process);
- A research plan (2 to 3 pages);
- A statement of relevance to the BHI and commitment to a research co-production approach (1 page)
- A statement of teaching interests (1 to 2 pages);
- A statement on equity, diversity, and inclusion philosophy and concrete practices (1 page);
- The names of three people who may be contacted by the University for letters of reference which will follow the [Canada Research Chairs guidelines](#) (i.e. **Tier 1**: all must be arm's length and one must be from a referee not residing in the country where the nominee is currently working), and
- Self-identification: Complete the confidential Employment Equity section online (go to My profile / Employment Equity tab) during the application process online.

**Deadline:** February 10, 2025

**Applications should be submitted electronically through the University of Ottawa Academic Careers website at the following link:** [https://uottawa.wd3.myworkdayjobs.com/en-US/uOttawa\\_External\\_Career\\_Site/job/Ottawa-ON/Tier-1-Canada-Research-Chair-in-Stroke--Cardiovascular-Disease-and-Targeted-Interventions\\_JR20117](https://uottawa.wd3.myworkdayjobs.com/en-US/uOttawa_External_Career_Site/job/Ottawa-ON/Tier-1-Canada-Research-Chair-in-Stroke--Cardiovascular-Disease-and-Targeted-Interventions_JR20117)

The selection process will begin immediately after the closing date and will continue until the position is filled. Only candidates selected for an interview will be contacted.

Please address your cover letter to the following person:

Dr. Julie St-Pierre, Interim Vice-President, Research and Innovation  
University of Ottawa  
550 Cumberland St., room 246  
Ottawa, ON K1N 6N5 CANADA

For questions, please email: [rccacrcp@uottawa.ca](mailto:rccacrcp@uottawa.ca)

According to government policy, all qualified candidates are invited to apply; however, preference will be given to Canadians and permanent residents. When submitting your application, please indicate if you are legally entitled to work in Canada.

The University of Ottawa provides accommodations for applicants with disabilities throughout the recruitment process. If you are invited to proceed in the selection process, please notify us of any accommodations that you require by contacting the Office of the Vice-Provost, Faculty Relations by email at [vra.affairesprofessorales@uottawa.ca](mailto:vra.affairesprofessorales@uottawa.ca). Any information you send us will be handled respectfully and in complete confidence.

The University of Ottawa is proud of its 160-year tradition of bilingualism. Through its Official Languages and Bilingualism Institute, the University provides training to staff members and to their spouses in their second official language.

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