Job Description

About SickKids

Dedicated exclusively to children and their families, The Hospital for Sick Children (SickKids) is one of the largest and most respected paediatric health-care centres in the world. As innovators in child health, we lead and partner to improve the health of children through the integration of healthcare, leading-edge research and education. Our reputation would not have been built — nor could it be maintained — without the skills, knowledge and experience of the extraordinary people who come to work here every day. SickKids is committed to ongoing learning and development, and features a caring and supportive work environment that maintains exceptionally high standards of practice.

When you join SickKids, you become part of our community. We share a commitment and determination to fulfill our vision of Healthier Children. A Better World.

Don't miss out on the opportunity to work alongside the world's best in paediatric healthcare.

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The Hospital for Sick Children (SickKids) Research Institute invites applications for multiple available Tier 1 Canada Research Chair (CRC) nominations, that could become available over the next two to 3 years. One applicant selected must align with the University of Toronto's Medicine by Design (MBD) program; a convergence of physical and life sciences, engineering, mathematics and medicine to undertake transformative research in regenerative medicine and cell therapy. Only internal candidates will be considered.

The CRC program supports outstanding researchers in areas that will further SickKids and the University of Toronto's strategic research plans. SickKids is a world renowned children's hospital with seven fully integrated research programs. Our Research Institute is located in our new 21-story state-of-the-art research facility in the Discovery District of downtown Toronto, offering a unique environment for medical science discoveries with seven teaching and research hospitals and Canada's largest university in close proximity. Researchers at SickKids contribute to and benefit from the interdepartmental and interdisciplinary initiatives at the University of Toronto as well as the extensive research facilities of the University and its affiliated institutions.

Applicants for Tier 1 CRCs 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. Applicants must be Senior Scientists at SickKids, with outstanding publication records, who have been in the position for at least three years, and have at least 75% dedicated time for research. Tier 1 Chairs are for outstanding established scholars. 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 champions, 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.

Application Process:

Applications should include a CIR Biographical curriculum vitae (including HQP training), and a brief statement highlighting their 5 Most Significant Research Contributions (any format) including experiences in increasing diversity in their current positions.

The search committee will review applications starting mid-December, until all current and upcoming chair positions within the next 2 years are filled. All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply; however only internal candidates will be considered at this time.

The selected candidate(s) will be nominated by SickKids and the University of Toronto to apply for the Government of Canada's prestigious CRC Tier 1 program. The position is subject to the availability of funding and to final approval by the Chief of Research, University Deans, and CRC Secretariat.

For more information about this specific CRC opportunity, please contact the Research Awards and Financial Services Grant Applications, Development and Awards (GADA) office, or crc.info@sickkids.ca. If selected, the candidate will work with the GADA office to develop a nomination package for the CRC Secretariat.

SickKids recognizes that scholars have varying career paths and that career interruptions due to personal circumstances can be part of an excellent academic record. Search committee members have been instructed to give careful consideration to, and be sensitive to the impact of, career interruptions in their assessments.
For further information on the federally endowed Canada Research Chairs Program, open to all nationalities, including eligibility criteria, please consult the Canada Research Chairs website at https://www.chairs-chercheurs.gc.ca/home-eng.asp. For questions regarding the CRC nomination process at the University of Toronto and affiliated hospitals, contact Judith Chadwick, Assistant Vice-President, Research Services, at crc@utoronto.ca, or visit the University of Toronto’s CRC web page.

As part of your application process you will be asked to complete a brief voluntary diversity survey. Any information directly related to you is confidential and cannot be accessed by either the search committee or human resources staff. Results will be aggregated for institutional planning purposes.

Our Commitment to Diversity

SickKids is strongly committed to diversity within its community and especially welcomes applications from visible minority group members, women, Indigenous persons, persons with disabilities, members of sexual minority groups and others who may contribute to diversity within our organization. If requested, SickKids is proud to make available accommodations to support applicants with disabilities during the interview and assessment process. Informed by the Accessibility of Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA), the Ontario Human Rights Code, and our Access and Accommodation Policy, we will accommodate the needs of applicants. Please advise Senior Manager, Research Operations (natalia.karvuk@sickkids.ca) of your accessibility needs during the selection process. Information received relating to accommodation will be addressed confidentially.

The children and families we care for are diverse, and so are our employees. All are welcome to join our unique organizational culture and be part of our inclusive team.

Thank you for your interest in joining SickKids. Only those applicants selected for an interview will be contacted. In accordance with our Hospital policy, employment at SickKids is conditional upon the Hospital’s receipt of all necessary documentation.

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