



NSCAD University

Canada Research Chair (Tier 1)
Transatlantic Black Diasporic Art and Community Engagement

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Deadline: April 3, 2023

NSCAD University invites applications for a Tier 1 Canada Research Chair in Transatlantic Black Diasporic Art and Community Engagement.

NSCAD University is in Mi'kma'ki, on the ancestral and unceded territory of the Mi'kmaq Nation. NSCAD University is in K'jipuktuk/Halifax, Nova Scotia, a city and province with a long history of settlement by Black Nova Scotians, coupled with a long history of displacement and disenfranchisement. NSCAD University is committed to reconciliation and to establishing respectful ongoing relationships with the Black communities of Nova Scotia.

We seek an innovative world-class researcher whose accomplishments have made a major impact in the field of Transatlantic Black Diasporic Art and Community Engagement. We encourage applications from outstanding, innovative researchers whose work engages with communities and establishes new arts-based research and methodologies and who have demonstrated research commitment Black Diasporic knowledges and methodologies grounded in equity, decolonization, and community engagement.

The candidate will hold knowledge and expertise in one or several of the following research areas in relation to Transatlantic Black Diasporic art (analysis, research, and/or making): visual and material culture and/or art practice; resistance and resilience; activism and critiques of anti-Blackness; transnational Black Studies, transatlantic slave histories; historic and/or contemporary Black lived experiences and histories; anti-racist, anti-oppression, Critical Race Studies and/ or Black feminism; curatorial practice and museum representation; performance and or visual culture pedagogies; aesthetics; community consultation and activation; community collaboration and engagement.

Tier 1 chair-holders are outstanding researchers acknowledged by their peers as world leaders in their fields. In addition to the Canada Research Chair strengthening the core programming of NSCAD, this CRC appointee will also contribute to developing productive ethical, meaningful dialogue with local, national, and international communities and will contribute to NSCAD's commitment to outreach and community engagement based on local treaty principles of respect, reciprocity, and responsibility.

This Canada Research Chair Tier 1 is broadly interdisciplinary and may engage a wide range of temporal and geographic contexts.

We seek an accomplished colleague who will join us in this journey of respectful engagement in developing research directly relevant to and in relationship with Black communities, and in leading the university in exciting new directions in relation to arts scholarship and community engagement.

The Chair will, through an outstanding, ongoing program of research and graduate training, contribute to NSCAD's Academic Plan: Opportunity and Belonging, 2020-2025 [\[link\]](#).

Requirements:

The successful candidate will:

- Be a world-class researcher in the field;
- Have an active, original, innovative program of high quality, internationally recognized research, and a vision for its future directions;
- Have research that is responsive to and respectful of the needs of communities and students;
- Contribute positively to the respectful and inclusive culture at NSCAD University;
- Demonstrate excellence in teaching and graduate supervision;
- Have earned a PhD in a relevant discipline.

Consistent with Tier 1 CRC criteria, the selection committee will evaluate candidates based on: 1) their international recognition as leaders in their fields; 2) an original, innovative proposed research program of the highest quality; 3) superior record of attracting and supervising graduate students and mentoring scholars; and 4) their record of accomplishment related to increasing diversity in their previous institutional environment, and in curriculum.

Additional information:

Faculty and Librarians at the NSCAD are governed by the provisions of the Collective Agreement (FUNSCAD Unit 1). The successful applicant will be nominated by NSCAD University for a Tier 1 Canada Research Chair and, upon approval of the Chair by the CRC Secretariat, will then be offered an appointment at the rank of Associate or Full Professor at the University (rank will be determined as per the evaluation policy).

The funding for this Chair will be reviewed in 2025.

The anticipated start date for this position is July 1, 2023, or earlier if practicable.

Application materials should include:

- A cover letter providing an overview of the candidate's qualifications and how they fulfil the above-listed criteria;
- A curriculum vitae;
- A two-page statement outlining the innovative and original proposed research program envisioned for the Tier 1 chairship and its potential to attract funding, contribute to student training, and have vital impact;

- A teaching statement or dossier that documents the applicant's experience in and approach to training and mentoring diverse students, and teaching effectiveness, with an emphasis on experiences at the graduate level;
- Commitment to community engagement
- Contact information for at least three referees.

Contact Information:

Please submit your application as attachments to an e-mail sent to: abgraff@nscad.ca. Questions regarding the position can be addressed to Dr. Ann-Barbara Graff, Vice-President (Academic & Research) at the above e-mail address.

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Equity Statement:

Applications from non-Canadians are welcome but in accordance with Canadian Immigration requirements, Canadians and permanent residents will be given priority. In accordance with the CRC statement on Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion, NSCAD University invites and encourages applications from all qualified individuals, including individuals within the employment equity categories of women, persons with disabilities, members of visible minorities, Indigenous persons, individuals of diverse gender and sexual orientation and all groups protected by the Human Rights Code. We encourage members of equity- and diversity-seeking groups to self-identify within their letter of intent in their application.

NSCAD University recognizes the legitimate impact that leaves (maternity leave, leave due to illness) can have on a candidate's record of research achievement and that these leaves will be taken into consideration during the assessment process.

The Director of Human Resources (humanresources@nscad.ca) is available to address requests for accommodations (to accommodate candidates with hearing impairments, mobility restrictions, etc