



**Tier 2 Canada Research Chair in  
Community Health and Substance Use Research**

**Division of Population Health and Applied Health Sciences, Faculty of Medicine**

Posting Date: **April 13, 2026**

Closing Date: **May 12, 2026**

The [Division of Population Health and Applied Health Sciences](#) (PHAHS), Faculty of Medicine, Memorial University, is currently undertaking an open, internal search to recruit and nominate a candidate for a Tier 2 *Canada Research Chair in Community Health and Substance Use Research*.

In accordance with [Canada Research Chair Program requirements](#), the competition is open to all applicants who:

- are current employees of Memorial University; and
- identify as members of one or more of the following groups: women and gender-equity-seeking groups, racialized individuals, Indigenous Peoples, and persons with disabilities, as per approval granted by Newfoundland and Labrador's Human Rights Commission, pursuant to Section 8 of the Human Rights Act.

Established in 2000, the [Canada Research Chairs \(CRC\) Program](#) offers eligible Canadian degree-granting institutions the opportunity to nominate a diverse cadre of outstanding researchers for professorships in areas that will further an institution's strategic research plan, enabling them to maximize their contributions as centres of research and research training. [Tier 2 CRCs](#) are appointed for a term of 5 years at a value of \$100,000 per year (plus an additional \$20,000 annual research stipend for first-term Tier 2 Chairs), with the possibility of renewal for an additional 5 years. Answers to common questions about the CRC program can be found on the Program's [Q&A webpage](#).

Tier 2 Chairs are intended for exceptional emerging scholars (i.e., candidates must have been an active researcher in their field for fewer than 10 years at the time of nomination). Applicants who are more than 10 years from having earned their highest degree, and where career breaks exist, such as maternity, parental or extended sick leave, clinical training, etc., may have their eligibility for a Tier 2 Chair assessed through the CRC's [Tier 2 justification process](#). For any questions related to the Tier 2 justification process, please email Research Initiatives and Services (RIS) ([ris@mun.ca](mailto:ris@mun.ca)) with the subject heading *CRC Tier 2 Justification process*.

It is expected that the successful Tier 2 CRC will be appointed in a tenure-track position at the level of Assistant Professor. The Chair's start date will be contingent upon the timing of the successful CRC application, and the salary will be commensurate with qualifications and experience, in accordance with the Memorial University of Newfoundland Faculty Association (MUNFA) Collective Agreement.

## **Research**

The Division of Population Health and Applied Health Sciences (PHAHS) is part of the Memorial University's Faculty of Medicine. PHAHS is home to graduate programs in the fields of public health and public health nutrition, community health and clinical epidemiology, applied health services research, and bioethics. It contributes to the interdisciplinary occupational and health and safety graduate program, and leads the development and delivery of the community health, and bioethics and health law components of undergraduate and postgraduate medical education. PHAHS is home to Memorial University's [Centre for Bioethics](#) and the Faculty of Medicine's [Office of Social Accountability](#). It is partner to the [Newfoundland and Labrador Centre for Applied Health Research](#) (NLCAHR), and the [Human Neuroscience Research Centre](#).

The Tier 2 Chair will be expected to lead a nationally recognized, community-engaged research program focused on harm reduction, treatment interventions, and health equity for people who use drugs and other marginalized populations, including Indigenous communities and people experiencing homelessness.

Responsibilities of the Chair will include:

- Lead cross-disciplinary, community-based participatory research programs.
- Build research capacity to address substance use in small cities, rural, and remote contexts.
- Translate research into evidence-based policy and practice.
- Mentor graduate students and postdoctoral fellows in ethical, community-engaged research.
- Secure national research funding and develop multi-site collaborations.

Opportunities for the Chair will include:

- Collaborate with researchers and disciplines across the Memorial community and with NLCAHR.
- Partner with regional health authorities, community organizations, and national research teams.
- Help to establish Memorial University as a national leader in socially accountable and community-engaged substance use research.

## **Qualifications**

The successful candidate will have:

- a demonstrated research record in community health, substance use, harm reduction, or related fields.
- a PhD\* in Public or Population Health, Community Health or related field (\*Note: this is a requirement of Memorial University, not the CRC Program);
- experience with participatory research and working with underrepresented populations;
- demonstrated potential to secure CIHR funding;
- demonstrated commitment to mentorship, training and knowledge translation.

## **How to apply**

The CRC competition involves a two-stage process as outlined below.

**Stage 1:** Applications must be emailed as a single PDF file, with the subject heading: “**CRC applicant\_(YOUR NAME),**” to the Associate Dean, Dr. Laurie Twells ([phahs.assocdeanoffice@mun.ca](mailto:phahs.assocdeanoffice@mun.ca)). The application package must include the following information\*\*:

1. Cover letter, highlighting the applicant’s qualifications.
2. Complete, up-to-date curriculum vitae, including information on the applicant’s HQP training.
3. Summary of the proposed research program (no more than five pages).
4. HQP training plan.
5. Equity, Diversity, Inclusion and Anti-Racism (EDI-AR) statement.
6. Names and contact details for three referees.

*\*\* Please note that Memorial University’s [Indigenous Verification Policy](#) came into effect on February 25, 2026. Additional information may be required from applicants, subject to the Policy and its procedural guidance.*

**Stage 2:** Working with the Division, Faculty and Memorial’s [Research Initiatives and Services](#) (RIS) office, the successful candidate will complete the CRC application. Once completed, the application will be submitted to the CRC Program. Please note that nominees only become Chairholders once the submitted application has been successfully awarded by the CRC Program.

For any inquiries regarding this position, please contact Martina Krskova, Associate Dean’s Office ([phahs.admin@mun.ca](mailto:phahs.admin@mun.ca)). We thank all interested candidates, but only those selected for an interview will be contacted further.

Memorial acknowledges that career paths can be diverse and that life circumstances, such as illness, disability, and family and community responsibilities, are often an expected part of life and are likely to affect a candidate’s record of research achievement. Applicants are encouraged to explain in their cover letter any life circumstances that may have resulted in career interruptions, if applicable. These impacts will be carefully considered during the assessment process.

Memorial University is committed to employment equity, diversity, inclusion and anti-racism, and encourages applications from all qualified candidates who are eligible to apply in accordance with the aforementioned CRC Program requirements. All applicants are invited to identify themselves as a member of an equity-deserving group(s) as appropriate. Please note that applicants cannot be considered as a member of an equity-deserving group(s) unless they complete an employment equity survey.

All applicants will receive the employment equity survey link by email after submitting their application. If you do not see the email in your inbox, please check your junk or spam folder. The survey link will remain active until 11:59 p.m. NST, May 14, 2026. If you do not receive the survey or have any questions about it, please contact Mandy Penney, Employment Equity Officer, ([equity@mun.ca](mailto:equity@mun.ca)).

Memorial is committed to providing an [inclusive learning and work environment](#). Applicants who require an accessibility arrangement to ensure their full participation in the application process, can contact Mandy Penney ([equity@mun.ca](mailto:equity@mun.ca)) to make appropriate accommodations.

### **Memorial University of Newfoundland**

[Memorial University](#) is one of the leading universities in Atlantic Canada, and the only university in the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador. Offering certificate, diploma, undergraduate, graduate, and postgraduate programs to approximately 18,000 students, Memorial provides a distinctive and stimulating environment for teaching and learning. St. John's is a friendly city with great historic charm, and a dynamic arts and culture scene. It is nestled within striking landscapes, and offers a wide range of outdoor activities in all seasons.

*We acknowledge that the lands on which Memorial University's campuses are situated are in the traditional territories of diverse Indigenous groups, and we acknowledge with respect the diverse histories and cultures of the Beothuk, Mi'kmaq, Innu and Inuit of the Province.*