



**Tier 2 Canada Research Chair in  
Indigenous Knowledge, Youth and Digital Technology**

**Department of Anthropology, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences**

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Closing Date: **May 8, 2026**

The Department of Anthropology, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, Memorial University, is currently undertaking an open, internal search to recruit and nominate a candidate for a Tier 2 *Canada Research Chair in Indigenous Knowledge, Youth and Digital Technology*.

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*.

For this opportunity, appointments will be at the level of Assistant Professor or Associate Professor. Those at the level of Assistant Professor should have qualifications that will warrant promotion to the Associate Professor level within three years of the start of the Chair. 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 Tier 2 Canada Research Chair in Indigenous Knowledge, Youth and Digital Technology will focus on the transmission of Indigenous knowledge to youth by exploring how technological innovation can support self-determined and sustainable Indigenous futures. The Chair will be expected to collaborate with Indigenous communities to develop community-governed research on the use of technology to maintain and promote the continuity and resilience of intergenerational knowledge.

## **Qualifications**

The successful candidate will have:

- a PhD\* in Anthropology with a specialization in Socio-Cultural and/or Linguistic Anthropology (\*Note: this is a requirement of Memorial University, not the CRC Program);
- a track record of research and publications focused on Northern Canada and/or other Arctic and Sub-Arctic regions;
- a strong record of community based, collaborative research with Indigenous groups relevant to the focus of the Chair;
- demonstrated experience of carrying out research that integrates Indigenous methodologies of relationality, reciprocity, and land-based knowledge.

## **How to apply**

Stage 1: Applications must be emailed with the subject heading: “**CRC applicant\_(YOUR NAME)**,” to: Dr. Max Viatori, [mviatori@mun.ca](mailto:mviatori@mun.ca). The application package must include the following information\*\*:

1. A cover letter outlining how the applicant's qualifications meet the criteria of the position.
2. A complete, up-to-date curriculum vitae.
3. A statement outlining the proposed area of research for the Chair (a maximum of two pages).
4. A statement of teaching philosophy, experience and interests, including plans for student mentorship and graduate student recruitment (a maximum of two pages).
5. The names and contact information of three individuals who can provide reference letters.

*\*\* 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 Department, 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 if the submitted nomination has been approved by the CRC Program.

For any inquiries regarding this position, please contact Dr. Max Viatori, Head, Department of Anthropology ([mviatori@mun.ca](mailto:mviatori@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 4, 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.*