

Dalhousie University
Canada Research Chair Tier 2 - Integrated Coastal and Ocean Management
Marine Affairs Program, Faculty of Science
Application Deadline 15 October 2013

The Marine Affairs Program (MAP) of the Faculty of Science at Dalhousie University invites applications for a Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) Canada Research Chair Tier 2 in Integrated Coastal and Ocean Management. It is anticipated that the appointment will be tenure-stream and made at the Assistant Professor level. Details about the CRC program are available at: <http://www.chairs-chaires.gc.ca/>.

The concept of Integrated Coastal and Ocean Management (ICOM), codified at the Earth Summit in Rio in 1992, addresses the pressures being placed upon the world's most productive and fragile littoral zones. It responds to the growing societal demands to develop solutions that maximize the economic opportunities available from coastal ecosystems while minimizing the conflicts that arise due to the multiple array of users and uses of these resources. This area of research contributes to bridging the significant gap between natural and social scientific knowledge in the coastal and ocean environment. It also focuses on the policy-making process that results in decisions affecting how the multitude of users of the coastal zone interacts with each other and with the available ecosystem goods and services.

The position for a SSHRC CRC Tier 2 in Integrated Coastal and Ocean Management in MAP supports Dalhousie University's strategic focus in ocean-related interdisciplinary research and contributes to furthering Dalhousie's position as Canada's most comprehensive Oceans University. The successful candidate will have the opportunity to advance knowledge in this field and to collaborate with world-renown coastal and marine scholars from some six Faculties within the university, as well as with businesses, government and civil society partners involved in coastal and ocean management.

Candidates for the CRC Tier 2 position must be excellent emerging researchers who have demonstrated research creativity in Coastal and Ocean Management, have demonstrated the potential to achieve international recognition in their particular field of research over the next five to ten years and have the potential to attract excellent trainees, students and future researchers. A completed PhD including evidence of interdisciplinary scholarship is required. Research interests could include (but are not limited to) socio-ecological consequences of climate change impacts in the coastal and ocean environment; changing social and political landscapes of marine and coastal areas; risk, vulnerability and resilience of coastal communities and associated natural systems; integrated coastal and ocean law and policy; and applied social sciences, including ecological economics. Experience with graduate level teaching and graduate student supervision is preferred.

The Marine Affairs Program is a well established internationally recognized interdisciplinary graduate program offering the Master of Marine Management degree. The program involves interaction and coordination with an array of different Faculties at Dalhousie that participate in the delivery of all aspects of the Marine Affairs Program. Students traditionally enrolled in this program are a mixture of those emerging from undergraduate studies and middle managers on leave from governments, non-governmental organizations or the private sector. The Marine Affairs Program attracts national and international candidates, with alumni employed, often in positions of considerable responsibility, in over 52 countries worldwide. For more information see <http://marineaffairsprogram.dal.ca/index.php>

All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply. Dalhousie University is an Employment Equity/Affirmative Action employer. The University encourages applications from qualified Aboriginal people, persons with a disability, racially visible persons and women. Canada Research Chairs are open to individuals of any nationality; offers will be made in accordance with Canada Immigration requirements associated with the Canada Research Chairs Program.

Interested individuals should send a curriculum vitae, selected reprints/preprints, a brief overview of the innovative research program they would pursue if awarded the position, evidence of previous teaching and supervisory experience, and request three letters of support to be sent independently to the Chair of the Selection Committee: Dr. Lucia Fanning, Marine Affairs Program, Room 800, Life Sciences Centre, PO BOX 15000, Halifax, NS, B3H 4R2, Canada; e-mail lucia.fanning@dal.ca; phone: (902) 494-8390. The deadline for receiving applications is: 15 October, 2013. Short-listed candidates will be asked to provide a more in-depth description of their proposed research program.