Peter A. Allard School of Law
University of British Columbia

Canada Research Chair (Tier 1) in Law & Society

The University of British Columbia’s Peter A. Allard School of Law is undertaking an external search to recruit and nominate a Full Professor or an Associate Professor (who is expected to be promoted to the full professor level within one or two years of the nomination) with an outstanding record of scholarship and teaching to a Canada Research Chair (Tier 1) in Law & Society. The Allard School of Law welcomes applications from scholars in any area or method of law & society scholarship. It is particularly interested in candidates whose work incorporates a substantive focus on environmental law/sustainability, business law (including corporate and commercial law), family law, and/or criminal law & human rights.

One of Canada’s leading law schools, the Peter A. Allard School of Law is committed to being one of the world’s great centres for legal education and research. Situated within an outstanding public university, and located in one of the most open, diverse, and beautiful cities in the world, the Allard School of Law is an inspiring environment for legal scholars and students to study law and its role in society, and to make a contribution to improving the lives of people in the local community, across Canada, and around the world. It offers varied and rigorous professional programs to a talented and diverse student body in J.D., LL.M. and Ph.D. programs, and is housed in a new state-of-the-art law building – Allard Hall – designed to support teaching and research in law. More information is available at www.allard.ubc.ca and www.allard.ubc.ca/about-us/allard-school-of-law-strategic-plan.

The Allard School of Law has become a hub of law & society research, its faculty producing leading scholarship in the diverse methods and substantive areas of the broadly defined field, and hosting numerous national and international conferences. The successful candidate for the CRC Tier 1 appointment will have an outstanding record of scholarship and teaching, and the demonstrated ability to contribute to the internationally acclaimed work of one of Canada’s premier law schools. The CRC Tier 1 appointment will be expected to be a leader in their substantive areas of legal scholarship, to maintain a highly productive scholarly agenda including the development of research relationships with researchers across Canada and internationally, to provide effective teaching and mentoring of J.D. students, to attract, supervise and mentor graduate students, and to take on a leadership role in the School of Law’s research initiatives.

The Canadian Federal Government established the CRC program (http://www.chairs-chaires.gc.ca/home-accueil-eng.aspx) to attract outstanding researchers to the Canada’s universities. Tier 1 nominees should meet the requirements for Tier 1 appointment as defined by the CRC program: http://www.chairs-chaires.gc.ca/home-accueil-eng.aspx. The successful candidate will work with the School of Law and the University of British Columbia in completing the nomination.

An LL.B., J.D. or equivalent law degree and a graduate degree in law or other relevant field are required absent exceptional circumstances. The positions are expected to commence July 1, 2016. Salary will be competitive and commensurate with the qualifications of the candidate.

Applicants should submit:
(1) a cover letter specifying interest in a CRC Tier 1 appointment at the Allard School of Law and describing:
   a. academic and research accomplishments,
   b. teaching experience, and
   c. institutional contributions to faculty, university, or academy;
(2) a curriculum vitae;
a research agenda for the coming 5 years;
undergraduate, law school, and graduate school transcripts;
the names and contact information for four individuals who you have asked to submit letters of
reference (the applicant should contact the referees and arrange for them to send their letters
directly to the School of Law at appointments@allard.ubc.ca);
three representative scholarly publications (publications will not be returned); and
evidence of teaching effectiveness (such as university teaching evaluations).

Electronic applications are required and should be submitted to the Appointments Committee
(appointments@allard.ubc.ca). Review of the applications will begin September 28, 2015 and will
continue until the position is filled. Early applications are strongly encouraged. Unofficial academic
transcripts may be submitted with the candidate’s initial application, but official academic transcripts will
be required before appointment. Incomplete applications may not be accepted. The Law School may
choose to review additional applications after that date, at its discretion.

UBC hires on the basis of merit, is strongly committed to equity and diversity within its community, and
seeks to recruit candidates with the skills and knowledge to productively engage with diverse
communities. We especially welcome applications from visible minority group members, women,
Aboriginal persons, persons with disabilities, persons of minority sexual orientations and gender
identities, and others who may contribute to the further diversification of ideas. Positions are subject to
review and final approval by the CRC Secretariat. Offers will be made in accordance with UBC policy,
the requirements of the Canada Research Chairs Program and best fit with the Allard School of Law
Strategic Plan.

More information about the Faculty’s hiring interests may be posted from time to time at

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review and final approval by the CRC Secretariat. More information about the CRC program can be
found at www.chairs.gc.ca.