

Call for Applications

CANADA IMPACT+ RESEARCH CHAIR (CI+RC) IN ECONOMICS, DISABILITY, SOCIAL POLICY, AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

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[Université Laval](#), the first French-language university in North America, invites applications for a Canada Impact+ Research Chair (CI+RC) in Economics, Disability, Social Policy, and Human Development. Located in the heart of Québec City, Université Laval is a comprehensive research-intensive university recognized for its culture of excellence in teaching and research. The position is housed within the [Department of Economics](#) of the [Faculty of Social Sciences](#), which comprises 23 faculty members who teach and supervise 300 students at all three levels of university studies. The Faculty of Social Sciences brings together nearly 200 professors whose research activities are structured around eight major areas, including *Health and Well-Being and Human Development Across the Life Course* and *Communities, Structures, and Social Relations*. Given the social and health perspectives addressed by this CI+RC, the successful candidate will be expected to collaborate closely with faculty members from other units at Université Laval, including the [School of Social Work and Criminology](#) (Faculty of Social Sciences), the [School of Rehabilitation Sciences](#) (Faculty of Medicine), and the [Department of Foundations and Practices in Education](#) (Faculty of Education), where a significant number of faculty members conduct research aligned with the Chair's thematic focus. Building on a long-standing tradition of research across the broad spectrum of disability studies, Université Laval has established itself over the decades as a major national and international leader in the analysis of issues related to social participation, social policies, and the human development of people with disabilities. This expertise provides an exceptional scientific foundation for the establishment and advancement of this CI+RC.

The successful candidate will be a regular member of the Center for Interdisciplinary Research in Rehabilitation and Social Integration ([Cirris](#)), affiliated with the *Centre intégré universitaire de santé et de services sociaux de la Capitale-Nationale* ([CIUSSS-CN](#)), a health and social services institution formally affiliated with Université Laval. Cirris is distinguished by its strong interdisciplinary approach, its profound integration within the CIUSSS-CN's clinical, community, and decision-making environments, and its nationally and internationally recognized leadership in disability, social participation, accessibility, and inclusive public policies. With 93 researchers from eight faculties at Université Laval, as well as approximately 250 graduate students and postdoctoral fellows, Cirris offers a unique research environment that fosters partnership-based approaches, co-construction of knowledge, and knowledge mobilization *by, for, and with* people living with disabilities.

The CI+RC in Economics, Disability, Social Policy, and Human Development seeks to recruit an internationally recognized researcher whose work focuses on economics, disability, social inequalities, public policy, and human development, and who demonstrates strong potential for scientific, social, and policy impact. The Chairholder will develop an ambitious, interdisciplinary research program drawing on applied economics, social policy analysis, and

population-level data to support advisory roles with public institutions in the development of more inclusive policies and practices.

The successful candidate will play a leading role in enhancing the scientific visibility of Université Laval and Cirris, will contribute actively to graduate and postdoctoral training, and will support the development of strategic partnerships with community, clinical, governmental, and international stakeholders. The Chairholder will also contribute to the societal impact mission of Université Laval and Cirris through knowledge mobilization activities, engagement with decision-makers, and participation in major public debates on disability, health, equity, and social justice.

The person selected by the Nomination Committee must successfully pass an internal selection process at Université Laval as well as national selection as part of the CI+RC competition. This posting could also be used to select applications for the Canada Excellence Research Chairs or Tier 1 Canada Research Chairs competitions. For more information on the program and eligibility criteria, please visit the [Canada Impact+ Research Chairs website](#).

The successful candidate will receive:

- a tenured Full Professor position in the Department of Economics, Faculty of Social Sciences, or an Associate Professor position with the possibility of promotion to Full Professor within two years of appointment;
- \$8 million in funding over 8 years (i.e., \$1 million per year) from the CI+RC Program including Chairholder's salary and overhead;
- possibility to apply for an equipment grant from the Canada Foundation for Innovation ([CFI](#)) to equip its laboratory;
- competitive and attractive start-up funds;
- a competitive salary package, including base salary and employee benefits.

The Chair's research program will also be able to leverage major investments made by Université Laval in the deployment of large-scale data analytics and artificial intelligence infrastructure, as well as its data valorization centre ([VALERIA](#) and the associated [PULSAR](#) initiative).

Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Statement

Université Laval rejects all forms of discrimination, promotes excellence in research and research training, and guarantees equal opportunity for all candidates. We support the principle that excellence and equity are compatible and complementary. We welcome and encourage applications from racialized people, visible minorities, women, Indigenous Peoples (in Canada), people with disabilities, ethnic minorities, 2SLGBTQ+ communities, and all qualified individuals with the skills and knowledge to engage productively with diverse communities.

By choosing Université Laval, you will benefit from the following integration measures:

- welcome days for new professors;

- peer mentoring;
- free French courses for you and your spouse;
- support for settling in Quebec City and job search assistance for your spouse.

Career Interruption and Special Circumstances

Respecting the values of diversity and equity, Université Laval acknowledges that career interruption and special circumstances (e.g., maternity or parental leave, leave for prolonged illness, clinical training, care for a family member, the COVID-19 pandemic, as well as a disability) may influence productivity and contributions in research. Applicants are invited to explain, as appropriate and if they wish so, these effects, so that they are considered in the assessment of their applications.

Accommodation

In complete confidentiality, accommodation can be offered to candidates according to their needs in this competition, including accessibility. If you need accommodation, we invite you to contact the equity officer using the contact information below.

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Job Description

The Chairholder of the CI+RC in Economics, Disability, Social Policy, and Human Development will lead a transformational, internationally recognized research program intended to generate major scientific, social, and policy impacts. Grounded in an interdisciplinary approach that brings together applied economics, public policy analysis, public health, and the social sciences, the Chair will contribute directly to the transformation of data systems, policies, and practices affecting people living with disabilities. The Chair will also ensure the creation of an inclusive research training environment (graduate and postdoctoral levels) that promotes excellence and best practices in research.

The Chair's research activities will seek to generate knowledge that improves understanding of and helps reduce social and health inequalities, enhances the integration of disabilities within statistical and decision-making systems, and supports the development of more equitable, inclusive, and evidence-informed public policies, both in Canada and internationally. Particular attention will be paid to the impacts of social policies, social protection systems, aging, and normative frameworks on the social participation and well-being of people living with disabilities.

Anchored within Cirris, the Chair will play a structuring role in fostering interfaculty synergies at Université Laval and in developing strategic partnerships with clinical, community, governmental, and international stakeholders. The Chairholder will provide strong leadership in knowledge mobilization and in dialogue with decision-makers to ensure

that research findings contribute concretely to the transformation of policies, practices, and institutional frameworks. The Chairholder will also be committed to training highly qualified personnel within an inclusive, collaborative, impact-oriented research environment.

Requirements

Applicants must meet the [CI+RC eligibility requirements](#). Candidates must normally be Full Professors or Associate Professors who will be promoted to Full Professor within one or two years following nomination. Candidates coming from sectors other than postsecondary education must hold the qualifications required to be appointed to equivalent academic positions.

Université Laval requires that candidates hold a doctoral degree in a discipline relevant to the research area of the position, namely a PhD in economics or a closely related field. Candidates must demonstrate relevant scientific expertise and significant experience in economics, social policy, and the broad spectrum of disability research (disability studies), as well as a proven record of excellence in securing research funding and publishing at the international level. Candidates must also demonstrate the ability to conduct independent, original, and transdisciplinary research, in collaboration with a wide range of partners

The complete application file must include all of the following elements:

- A cover letter (maximum of 3 pages in French or 2.5 pages in English) outlining the candidate's interest in the position, a summary of the proposed research program, their leadership, their vision of the Chair's added value in enriching existing expertise at Université Laval, and the Chair's positioning with respect to the [strategic priority areas](#) of the CI+RC Program.
- A Tri-Agency CV (maximum of 6 pages in French or 5 pages in English). Candidates must use the Tri-Agency CV template. For more information and to download the template, please consult the [Tri-Agency CV instructions](#). The application must also include the [Tri-Agency CV addendum](#), which is not included in the page limit.
- A description of the proposed research program (maximum of 3.6 pages in French or 3 pages in English, excluding references).
- A statement outlining the Chair's potential contribution to excellence within Canadian and international research ecosystems (maximum of 1.2 pages in French or 1 page in English).
- A statement describing the Chair's potential for knowledge transfer and mobilization (maximum of 3.6 pages in French or 3 pages in English).
- the [UL self-identification form](#).

Applications must be sent to Dominique.Tanguay@fss.ulaval.ca.

Competition Stages and Evaluation Criteria

1. Competition Stages and Submission Deadlines (Intake 1 of the CI+RC competition)

Full application deadline	February 15, 2026
Period for interviews	February 16 to 23, 2026
Results announcement	February 25, 2026
Application deadline at VPR Office	February 27, 2026
Final results announcement	Before March 10, 2026
Full application deadline at CI+RC Program	March 24, 2026
CI+RC Program results announcement	June 2026

2. Evaluation #1

A Nomination Committee will select a candidate based on the selection [criteria and sub-criteria](#) of the CI+RC Program, specifically:

- Academic and research record;
- Leadership competencies;
- Quality of the research program;
- Potential contribution to excellence within the Canadian and international research ecosystems;
- Potential for knowledge transfer and mobilization, and for the application of research results.

The Nomination Committee is composed of faculty members from Université Laval drawn from the Faculty of Social Sciences, the Faculty of Medicine, and Cirris. In addition, an equity officer will take part in the committee meetings to ensure the conformity of the evaluation process. All committee members receive clear instructions on their role, the expected definition of excellence as well as the impact of career interruptions and special circumstances in the evaluation of applications. Members must also complete unconscious bias training in peer review.

3. Evaluation #2 at Vice-President Research (VPR) Office

The selected candidate's application will be sent to the VPR Office for a final internal selection step according to the [selection criteria of the CI+RC Program](#).

Starting Date: Within 12 months of the announcement of the CI+RC Program results.

Contacts

Application call process

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Questions related to EDI principles

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