

University of Northern British Columbia (UNBC): Tier II Canada Research Chair in Cumulative  
Impacts of Resource Development

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**UNBC** invites applications for a Tier II Canada Research Chair (CRC) in **Cumulative Impacts of Resource Development**. This professorship will enable an already outstanding researcher to maximize their contribution as a center of research and research training in this area.

Human enterprise is reshaping the Earth's surface to provide the space and raw materials for its burgeoning population and demanding lifestyles. Large-scale resource developments, such as the myriad of projects underway and on the horizon across much of Canada's north, present step changes in how and where natural resources are exploited. These projects serve to open up large intact areas and enable the growth of extractive industries. The cumulative impacts, both positive and negative, of resource development include social change, public health effects and environmental impacts.

Applicants must have an outstanding record of research for their career stage, having demonstrated exceptional early capacity for research in the field of cumulative impacts for resource development. The successful candidate will be expected to establish an active, externally-funded research program, including funding from one of Canada's three research councils (SSHRC, NSERC and/or CIHR), as well as supervise graduate students and post-doctoral fellows. Applicants must demonstrate a track record of engaging in interdisciplinary and cross-disciplinary research to understand cumulative impacts, and they must also demonstrate the potential to build research collaboration across the university community. The program of research proposed by the applicant must align with UNBC's [Strategic Research Plan](#), provide rich research training opportunities from graduate and undergraduate students, and contribute to developing interdisciplinary academic networks within the institution and beyond.

Located in the spectacular landscape of northern British Columbia, UNBC is one of Canada's best small universities. We have a passion for teaching, discovery, people, the environment, and the north. UNBC provides outstanding undergraduate and graduate learning opportunities to explore cultures, health, economies, and the environment. As one of BC's four research-intensive universities, we bring the excitement of new knowledge to all of our students, and the outcomes of our teaching and research to the world. Research is flourishing at UNBC, with the acquisition and investment of over \$21 million towards research activities in 2016-2017. UNBC is currently the home of [13 Endowed and Canada Research Chairs](#), and [19 research institutes, facilities and forests](#) and provides an interactive and engaging environment for research collaboration. In addition to fostering and celebrating both research and academic excellence, UNBC is a welcoming place, with an environment that is friendly, inclusive, and supportive. UNBC is a university both in and for the north, and this mission has instilled a strong sense of ownership, purpose, and adventure among our students, alumni, faculty, staff, and the communities we serve. We are also Canada's Green University™, leading the way to a more sustainable future for all.

**Deadline to apply: January 19, 2018**

Tier II Canada Research Chairs are intended for exceptional emerging scholars who are within 10 years of receiving their PhD. 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 II Chair assessed through the program's Tier II justification process. UNBC advocates for equity in its hiring practices, and is committed to ensuring that all eligible candidates are considered fairly for all positions, including the position of Canada Research Chair.

A Tier II Chair nomination will be submitted soon after a successful candidate has been selected. Chairs are awarded by the Tri-agency Institutional Programs Secretariat in Ottawa after a rigorous evaluation. The UNBC appointment will be conditional on a successful Canada Research Chair nomination.

To apply, please submit your cover letter, curriculum vitae, 5-year research plan (including proposed research program, student and postdoctoral training plan and budget details – maximum 3 pages), teaching statement, and names and contact information for 3 potential referees to: Mr. Mark Barnes, Director, Office of Research, University of Northern BC at [mark.barnes@unbc.ca](mailto:mark.barnes@unbc.ca).

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For researchers who are more than 10 years from their highest degree at the time of nomination and/or have experienced legitimate career interruptions, UNBC will consider requests for accommodation. Please submit all requests with full justification to Mr. Mark Barnes, Director, Office of Research, University of Northern BC at [mark.barnes@unbc.ca](mailto:mark.barnes@unbc.ca).

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