



Assistant Professor – Social Work and Information

The Factor-Inwentash Faculty of Social Work (FIFSW) and the Faculty of Information (iSchool) at the University of Toronto invite applications for a tenure-stream position in the area of Social Work and Information at the rank of Assistant Professor. The position will be held 51% at the FIFSW and 49% at the iSchool. The appointment will begin July 1, 2017.

Candidates are expected to have a program of research and experience especially focused on big data from a quantitative or qualitative angle, analyzing both the challenges and opportunities of big data for social justice. Areas of specific interest can include the use and impact of big data for social service and child welfare agencies, youth service agencies, public libraries, archives and information centres, and for vulnerable citizens and marginalized communities, including older adults, indigenous, and immigrant communities. Research areas may include, but are not limited to, the following: big data and society, data and information and communication technology use, infrastructure and platform studies, ethics of algorithms, data and discrimination, data and human rights, data and social inclusion, privacy and data, and disability studies in information studies and social work. Theoretical and methodological approaches to research should be commensurate with applicants' teaching and fields of expertise.

Candidates must have a PhD in social work, information or a related field by the time of appointment or shortly thereafter. He/She must also show evidence of excellence in research as demonstrated by an active research program that contributes especially to information studies affecting social work; social work practice experience; an emerging reputation in research with demonstrated ability to attract external research funding; publications in high quality peer reviewed journals and strong endorsements by referees of international standing. Evidence of excellence in teaching (including a teaching dossier outlining experience and accomplishments and strong letters of reference) is also required. Salary will be commensurate with qualifications and experience.

The Factor-Inwentash Faculty of Social Work pursues excellence in the development and testing of new knowledge that will have an impact on social work direct practice and social policy, as well as social work education. Our commitment to social justice means that we look for creative solutions to social problems at the local, national and international level. We are proud of our record as one of North America's pre-eminent Social Work Faculties, offering programs at the MSW, PhD, and post-MSW diploma levels. The Faculty is involved in several collaborative programs and joint degrees that provide many opportunities for interdisciplinary collaboration including Health Administration; Addiction Studies; Aging and the Life Course; Asia Pacific Studies; Bioethics; Child Welfare; Community Development; Ethnic and Pluralism Studies;

Health Care, Technology and Place; Health Services and Policy Research; Human Development; Sexual Diversity; Women and Gender Studies; and Women's Health. Faculty website: <http://www.socialwork.utoronto.ca>.

The iSchool at the University of Toronto educates the next generation of professional and academic leaders in Information to transform society through collaboration, innovation and knowledge creation. The Faculty believes that society's information practices are being reconfigured and transformed by material shifts in information infrastructures and by political and cultural shifts in our attitudes toward information as a social phenomenon, accompanied by ethical challenges. The Faculty of Information provides a context in which to work in an emerging interdisciplinary environment with close ties to a range of collaborative programs including Knowledge Media Design and Book History and Print Culture. The Faculty is also home to the Digital Curation Institute. Faculty website: <http://www.ischool.utoronto.ca>.

Review of applications will begin on September 30, 2016, and we strongly encourage candidates to submit their application before this date if they would like to be considered for the first round of review. However applications will be accepted until the position is filled.

All qualified candidates are invited to apply by clicking on the link below. Applications should include a cover letter, full curriculum vitae, teaching dossier (including a statement of teaching philosophy), a brief outline of current and proposed future research interests and two samples of published work. All application materials should be submitted through the University of Toronto's online application system. If you have questions about this position, please contact socialwork.admin@utoronto.ca.

<https://utoronto.taleo.net/careersection/10050/jobdetail.ftl?job=1601038>

Please combine attachments into one or two files in PDF/MS Word format. Submission guidelines can be found at: <http://uoft.me/how-to-apply>.

Applicants should also ask three referees to send letters (on letterhead, signed and scanned) directly to the Faculty via e-mail to socialwork.admin@utoronto.ca. Applications without references will not be considered.

The University of Toronto is strongly committed to diversity within its community and especially welcomes applications from racialized persons / persons of colour, women, Indigenous / Aboriginal People of North America, persons with disabilities, LGBTQ persons, and others who may contribute to the further diversification of ideas.

As part of your application, you will be asked to complete a brief Diversity Survey. This survey is voluntary. Any information directly related to you is confidential and cannot be accessed by search committees or human resources staff. Results will be aggregated for institutional planning purposes. For more information, please see <http://uoft.me/UP>.

All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply; however, Canadians and permanent residents will be given priority.