The Faculty of Arts at the University of Regina seeks a candidate for the nomination of Canada 150 Research Chair in forensic decision making. The successful candidate must be an outstanding scholar who is internationally recognized as a leader in the field of forensic decision making, as evidenced by an exceptional record of research, scholarship, grants, and mentorship. Broadly construed, research in forensic decision making seeks to improve fairness in outcomes in the justice system. It can include decision making at the systemic level, such as research aimed at increasing fairness in courtroom procedures and witness and jury selection processes, or at the individual level, such as research concerned with the assessment of eye witness memory or use-of-force decisions by police officers.

The successful candidate will have a PhD in Justice Studies, Psychology, or a related field. Depending on the candidate’s particular specialization, the Chair could be based in either the Department of Justice Studies or the Department of Psychology in the Faculty of Arts.

The University of Regina’s Strategic Plan 2015-2020 (peyak aski kikawinaw - together we are stronger) emphasizes Social Justice and Community Safety as a strategic priority. The impact of the work carried out by U of R researchers in this area is felt at all levels, from first responders and police investigators to researchers and policy makers. The successful candidate’s research program will contribute to the growth and impact of this research area.

The University of Regina provides excellent institutional infrastructure to support the research program of the Chair. It houses the Collaborative Centre for Justice and Safety, which brings together researchers from Justice Studies, Psychology, Engineering, Economics, Computer Science, History, and other disciplines to carry out research that can be disseminated directly to the justice community nation-wide and internationally. The U of R has existing relationships with virtually every major organization involved in justice and community safety in Saskatchewan, including the Saskatchewan Ministry of Justice; Royal Canadian Mounted Police; Saskatchewan Police College; and Correctional Service of Canada. The Faculty of Arts is committed to tapping into the potential for growth in the area of justice and community safety. It is home to about 100 full-time faculty members in fourteen departments and seven interdisciplinary programs in social sciences and humanities, and several research chairs, including the Saskatchewan Law Foundation Chair in Police Studies. The Faculty supports collaboration with community organizations through its Community Research Unit (CRU); the CRU plays a very important role in assisting researchers in mobilizing their research findings in the justice community.

The Departments of Psychology and Justice Studies offer a vibrant, diverse research environment that has yielded some of the University’s greatest research successes, including attracting over 7 million dollars in external funding in the last decade. The Chair will find a rich network of potential faculty collaborators with a variety of forensic research interests in the two departments, such as understanding police officers’ decisions regarding use of force; refining methods for testing eyewitness memory;
treating post-traumatic stress in first responders; reducing inter-partner violence; and understanding risky criminal behaviour. The two departments also offer graduate programs in Clinical Psychology, Experimental and Applied Psychology, Police Studies, and Justice Studies with approximately 80 graduate students. These departments also house the largest undergraduate programs in the Faculty of Arts.

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