



Canadian Research Data Centre Network

Research Program Director

The Canadian Research Data Centre Network (CRDCN) invites applications for the position of Research Program Director (RPD). The CRDCN is a national research data platform, headquartered at McMaster University in Hamilton, Ontario. The Network provides researchers across Canada with unique access to Statistics Canada survey and administrative data to conduct advanced statistical research and training which both advances knowledge in multiple disciplines and informs key areas of public policy.

The CRDCN is funded as one of Canada's major science initiatives (MSIs) and has an annual operating budget of approximately \$7.5M, secured principally from the Canadian Institutes for Health Research, the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council, the Canada Foundation for Innovation, and its 32 partner universities.

Reporting to the Executive Director, the RPD will have overall responsibility for the strategic planning, direction and outcome evaluation of its research programs. The RPD will work closely with Statistics Canada, researchers and end users (especially, though not exclusively, senior government officials) to secure access to data, develop research programs, assemble research teams, negotiate contract arrangements, and promote the mobilization of results. The RPD will liaise closely with CRDCN's central management team, consult as appropriate with the CRDCN's Academic Council, and report regularly to the CRDCN Board.

The successful applicant will have either a Masters or a PhD in the social or health sciences and experience in administering research initiatives. Knowledge and skills required include:

- Ability to develop and implement strategic research plans and to mobilize research findings;
- Network of linkages with senior officials/staff in potential collaborating agencies and organizations in government and other sectors;
- Ability to engage with senior university administrators and staff and with senior government officials;
- Advanced analytic, writing and presentation skills;
- Excellent interpersonal skills;
- Bilingual competency in English and French is considered an asset.

The appointment will be for an initial three years and renewable based on performance and funding. Salary is subject to qualifications and experience. The position is advertised as a full-time position but consideration will be given to highly qualified applicants who are willing to commit at least 3 days per week. The RPD will ideally be located either in proximity to Hamilton or to Ottawa to facilitate regular interactions with the Executive Director and federal government partners.

Expressions of interest in the position and CV should be submitted to Dr. Martin Taylor, CRDCN Executive Director at jdifran@mcmaster.ca by November 15, 2019.