

JAMES S. PALMER CHAIR IN PUBLIC POLICY AND LAW

The James S. Palmer Chair in Public Policy and Law, named after James S. Palmer, Q.C. (LL.B. 1952) and established in 2015, was created through the generous support of James S. Palmer and the Palmer Family. The Palmer Family wishes to encourage James Palmer's passionate interest in the importance of informed public policy and his belief that education in the field of public policy and law directly contributes to good governance.

We invite applications for a tenure-stream appointment to the Palmer Chair in Public Policy and Law at the rank of Assistant, Associate or Full Professor with a desired start date of July 1, 2024. The term for the chair is five years and is eligible for renewal.

The Faculty seeks applications from exceptional candidates in any field relating to public policy and law. The chair holder will provide intellectual leadership in the area of public policy and initiate and advance policy-related projects that bring together faculty, students, alumni, and policy-makers to further the Law School's reputation as a public policy leader. The chair holder will be supported by funding and infrastructure to celebrate and share the impacts of policy work taking place within the law school, will deepen links with other policy-oriented schools and faculties, provide expanded opportunities for student learning connected to public policy, and advance local, national, and international public policy research and advocacy. The chair holder is expected to contribute to teaching and supervision at both the J.D. and graduate levels.

The ideal candidate will have a strong record of scholarly application and engagement spanning research and teaching, reflecting the multi-disciplinary and inter-disciplinary nature of public policy scholarship and work, appropriate to their career stage. The ideal candidate will come to the chair role with a high degree of professional integrity and courage and a record of respectful relationship-building that honors difference, collegiality, reconciliation, and diversity. At the time of appointment, the successful candidate will hold an LL.B. or J.D. degree. A relevant Master's degree or Doctorate is preferred.

About the Schulich School of Law and Dalhousie University

The chair holder will serve as an integral member of the Schulich School of Law and of Dalhousie University, home to the MacEachen Institute for Public Policy and Governance. The James Palmer Chair in Public Policy and Law is expected to contribute actively to the Institute. The Schulich School of Law is also home to three institutes with a public policy focus: the Health Justice Institute, the Marine

and Environmental Law Institute, and the Law and Technology Institute. Applicants whose research complements these areas of strength are welcome, as are applicants researching in any area of public policy.

The Schulich School of Law plays an extraordinary role in the fabric of Canadian legal education. We are a national law school, with our students coming from and returning to every region. We are a vibrant, collegial, and close-knit community of faculty and students from around the world. We live the Weldon Tradition of unselfish public service – of giving back and making the world a better place. Our alumni hold every form of government office, teach in Canadian law schools, innovate in the provision of private and public sector legal services and in business, advance policy in the executive branch of government, render decisions of courts across the country, and offer service to non-governmental bodies and non-profit and community organizations.

We embrace the interdisciplinary opportunity of working in a university, we value the creation and dissemination of new knowledge, and we are firmly committed to students and to teaching and learning excellence. We are conscious of the difference we make to law reform, adjudication, legal service, and community engagement at home and around the world. We value the contributions of the founding communities in this province, the Mi'kmaq Nation, Acadians, African Nova Scotians, and British, and we open our doors to the world.

For more information, see the Schulich School of Law Strategic Plan at <https://www.dal.ca/faculty/law/about/strategic-directions-2017-2021.html>

Application Instructions

Please apply for this position at the following online link:
<https://dal.peopleadmin.ca/postings/15045>.

Review of applications will begin **January 1, 2024** and candidates are strongly encouraged to submit prior to that date. However, the position will remain open until filled. A complete application includes a cover letter, a curriculum vitae, a five-year vision statement for the Chair (of no more than 5 pages), and the names of three referees, at least one of whom should, if possible, be an academic referee.

For further information about this position, or to request accommodation at any stage of the hiring process, please contact lawdean@dal.ca.

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



Dalhousie University commits to achieving inclusive excellence through continually championing equity, diversity, inclusion, and accessibility. The University encourages applications from Indigenous persons (especially Mi'kmaq), persons of Black/African descent (especially African Nova Scotians), and members of other racialized groups, persons with disabilities, women, and persons identifying as members of 2SLGBTQIA+ communities, and all candidates who would contribute to the diversity of our community. For more information, please visit www.dal.ca/hiringfordiversity.

If you require any support for the purpose of accommodation, such as technical aids or alternative arrangements, please let us know of these needs and how we can be of assistance. Dalhousie University is committed to ensuring all candidates have full, fair, and equitable participation in the hiring process. Our complete Accommodation Policy can be viewed [here](#).