



ST. FRANCIS XAVIER
UNIVERSITY

Department of Psychology - Tenure Track Appointment (Clinical Forensic Psychology)

The **Department of Psychology's Applied Forensic Psychology (AFP) Program** at **St. Francis Xavier University** invites applications for one (1) probationary Tenure Track position at the rank of Assistant Professor in **Clinical Forensic Psychology**, to begin July 1, 2025. This position is subject to final budgetary approval.

About the Applied Forensic Psychology Program:

The Applied Forensic Psychology (AFP) Program is a direct entry four-year undergraduate program offered within the Psychology Department at StFX. Students enrolled in this program take core courses in clinical psychology; psychopathology; correctional psychology; psychology and law; research methods and statistics; as well as practicum and professional skills training. AFP faculty and staff work with students to develop practicum opportunities across the fields of criminal and social justice, and mental health. Practicum placement opportunities include working with federal and provincial corrections; traditional and diversion courts; law enforcement agencies; community-based organizations; and mental health settings. The success of this rapidly growing program requires that job candidates have experience and expertise in professional skills training; are willing to adopt an experiential learning approach to teaching; are committed to the goal of helping students acquire skills for working with diverse and vulnerable populations; and maintain our approach to building a strong sense of community within the program.

Candidate Qualifications:

Clinical forensic psychology refers to the application of clinical psychology research and practice in the criminal justice context. Applicants should have (or be nearing completion of) a **PhD in Clinical Psychology with Forensic Psychology experience**. Preference will be given to candidates with a PhD in Clinical Psychology from a CPA- or APA-accredited program who are eligible for registration as a psychologist in Nova Scotia. Eligible candidates will have demonstrated (or show potential for developing) a successful independent research program. **We invite candidates with research expertise in any area relevant to clinical forensic psychology**. Current research areas of particular interest to the StFX AFP program include psychology of criminal offending; role of mental health in criminal justice system (CJS); over-representation of certain groups (i.e., Black, Indigenous) in CJS; gender-based crime (i.e., intimate partner violence, human sex trafficking); unique challenges to policing; and juvenile justice and protections. Previous teaching experience (and/or professional practice) in fostering a climate of inclusion in classroom settings would be an asset.

Teaching Expectations

Successful candidates for the tenure track position will be expected to teach courses at the intersection of Clinical and Forensic Psychology (e.g., Introductory Clinical and Psychopathology courses; our junior- and senior-level practicum and professional skills training courses; Correctional Psychology; Psychology and Law). The successful candidate will also assist with the development of practicum placements. Over time, the successful candidate may have an opportunity to teach other courses based on their own area of expertise.

About the Psychology Department

The Psychology Department at StFX, the largest Department in the Faculty of Arts, attracts students from across the University. The Psychology Department is led by a team of professors and lab instructors who have expertise within developmental psychology, social psychology, cognition, interpersonal relationships, neuroscience, mental health, clinical and forensic, sexual health, and culture. Our faculty and staff are committed to offering meaningful research, Service Learning, and work integrated learning opportunities for students.

Application Instructions

Consideration of applications will commence January 6 , 2024 and will continue until the position is filled. To apply, please submit a letter of application, curriculum vitae, a statement of teaching and research interests and experiences, and the names of three references to:

Dr. Erin Austen

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Applicants should compile their application into a single PDF document. The PDF application package should include the following information:

1. a cover letter highlighting suitability for the **Clinical Forensic Psychology Tenure Track position**
2. curriculum vita
3. statement of research that includes evidence of an established or promising program of research
4. statement of teaching philosophy, teaching interests, and evidence of teaching preparedness (e.g., engagement in professional development opportunities focused on teaching; description of past teaching experience; copies of course syllabi for courses taught previously; samples of course materials and teaching strategies)
5. candidates are encouraged to include a statement (max. 2 pages) on how they have and/or will advance equity, diversity, inclusion, and accessibility in their scholarship, teaching and/or service
6. names, addresses (including email), and telephone numbers of three references. Please note that references will be contacted only for those applicants who are being considered for an interview.



St. Francis Xavier University is located in Mi'kma'ki, the ancestral and unceded territory of the Mi'kmaq People.

Our institution is committed to upholding the values of equity, diversity, inclusion and accessibility. We encourage applications from members of groups that have been historically disadvantaged and marginalized, including Indigenous persons (especially Mi'kmaq), minoritized persons (especially African Nova Scotians), persons with disabilities, those who identify as women and/or 2SLGBTQIA+ and any others who would contribute to the diversity of our community. Qualified candidates will be provided the opportunity to self-identify through a process with People & Culture. The successful candidate may be required to provide additional self-identification information prior to hiring. Please note that all qualified candidates are encouraged to apply; however, applications from Canadian citizens and permanent residents will be given priority.

We are also committed to the elimination of barriers to participation for persons with disabilities. Should you require an accommodation during the recruitment process, please contact People and Culture at hr@stfx.ca or 902-867-5038.

About St. Francis Xavier University

Established in 1853, St. Francis Xavier University (StFX) is consistently recognized as one of the best universities in Canada. StFX exceeds the needs of today's undergraduates through providing the very best academic experience -- outstanding teaching, exceptional hands-on research opportunities, and global exchanges -- all within Canada's most vibrant and inspiring residential campus. Here, the focus is on the academic and the personal development of every student, making community and social engagement a large part of the learning experience. Our students are academically strong and highly engaged in every aspect of life, determined to make a positive impact on the world.

In 2022, Maclean's annual university rankings put StFX #1 in student satisfaction and #2 in reputation across Canada in the primarily undergraduate category. For more, visit www.stfx.ca

About Antigonish, Nova Scotia

The beautiful and historic town of Antigonish is located within the northeastern corner of Nova Scotia. Only a 15-minute drive from the ocean and a two-hour drive to major urban centres, Antigonish is a family-friendly community with a diverse and growing population and provides access to excellent education at all levels. The town is surrounded by rolling countryside and beautiful beaches and is a hotspot for outdoor recreation, sports and other active lifestyle activities. Antigonish supports a vibrant culture in the arts with music, performing arts, visual arts and crafts, and fabulous festivals happening throughout the year.

For more information visit www.townofantigonish.ca or www.visitantigonish.ca

