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Allan Slaight Chair for the Study of the Conjuring Arts Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences

Carleton University invites applications, nominations, and expressions of interest for the Allan Slaight Chair for the Study of the Conjuring Arts. This is a ground-breaking and exciting opportunity to develop a new interdisciplinary academic programme and centre for multidisciplinary approaches to the study of magic and the conjuring arts.

Endowed by the Slaight Family Foundation with a \$2 million leadership gift that has been matched by Carleton, this Chair reflects Allan Slaight's lifelong dedication to, intellectual interest in, and scholarship on magic, and complements the Foundation's recent donation of over 1600 texts on deception to the University. Areas of research related to the conjuring arts encompass a variety of fields, including psychology, history, literature, communication, media, religious studies, and theatre. Focusing on perception, illusion, deception, influence, and the history of magic, the study of the conjuring arts is an evolving area that represents a respected and growing academic area of study.

With a PhD in a relevant arts or social sciences discipline, the Allan Slaight Chair for the Study of the Conjuring Arts will have a record of teaching and research strength, with evidence of an interdisciplinary and innovative approach in any area related to magic and the conjuring arts. This includes: enchantment; wonder and the uncanny; alchemy; magical realism; healing and spiritualism; the performing body; magic and the mind; magic and the psychology of deception, persuasion and suggestion; the psychology of magical beliefs and magical thinking; magic and colonialism; magic and modernity; history, science and technology; connections between magic, cinema, theatre, gaming, and other media; intersections of feminism, witchcraft, and resistance; and practices of black, South Asian, Indigenous, queer, and trans people, and people of colour.

The successful candidate will have a strong commitment to education and outreach, the ability to collaborate across disciplines, and the skills and reputation to build a world-class academic programme and centre. With funding available for research, travel, visiting scholars, conferences, and student support, the Chair will be capable of placing Carleton at the forefront of this dynamic area of education and research. The Chair will also play a leading role in developing Carleton's strengths as a unique international resource for collections and artifacts related to magic. This is an open-rank faculty position, with the successful candidate appointed to a tenured or

tenure-track faculty position, as appropriate, within a relevant department of the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences. The Chair is for a five-year renewable term.

Located in Ottawa, Carleton University is a dynamic and innovative research and teaching institution with a national and international reputation as a leader in collaborative teaching and learning, research, and governance. With over 29,000 students, 950 academic faculty, 2000 staff, and more than 100 programmes of study, it encourages creative risk-taking enabling minds to connect, discover, and generate transformative knowledge. The Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences offers 30 areas of study at the undergraduate and graduate levels and encompasses 16 departments, colleges, and schools, as well as the Carleton University Art Gallery. To learn more about the University and the city of Ottawa, please visit www.carleton.ca/provost.

Carleton University is strongly committed to fostering diversity within its community as a source of excellence, cultural enrichment, and social strength. We welcome those who would contribute to the further diversification of our university including, but not limited to, women; visible minorities; First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples; persons with disabilities; and persons of any sexual orientation, gender identity and/or expression. Carleton understands that career paths vary. Legitimate career interruptions will in no way prejudice the assessment process and their impact will be taken into careful consideration. Applicants selected for an interview are asked to contact the consultant as soon as possible to discuss any accommodation requirements. Arrangements will be made in a timely manner. All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply; however, Canadians and permanent residents will be given priority. All positions are subject to budgetary approval.

A multidisciplinary search committee will begin consideration of candidates immediately and will continue until the role is successfully filled. Applications should include a letter of interest outlining a vision for the programme and centre, curriculum vitae and the names of three references (who will not be contacted without the consent of the candidate), and be submitted electronically, as one PDF file, in confidence, to:

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