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## **MacEwan University professor Dr. Marielle Papin named Canada Research Chair**

**Edmonton** - MacEwan University is pleased to announce that [Dr. Marielle Papin](#), assistant professor of political science, has been awarded a Tier 2 Canada Research Chair (CRC) in Urban Wellness (Urban Policy and Governance) for her research into the role of cities and other transnational actors in governance collaboration.

As part of her CRC award, Dr. Papin has also received John R. Evans Leaders Funding from the Canadian Foundation for Innovation (CFI), MacEwan's first CFI award. Dr. Papin will also be the director of the Research Institute for Urban Wellness, which was approved by the General Faculties Council in February 2024.

Dr. Papin joined MacEwan in 2022. At that time, the university [nominated her for the Canada Research Chair](#) role. The Tier 2 CRC positions are awarded to exceptional emerging researchers whose potential for leadership in their field is acknowledged by their peers. The chairs are awarded and funded for a five-year period and are renewable once.

"It's a great honour," says Dr. Papin, who received her PhD in 2020 from Laval University. "I'm at the beginning of my academic career and being selected and trusted by MacEwan University to do this process means a lot."

Dr. Papin joins [Dr. Kristopher Wells](#), MacEwan's first Tier 2 CRC recipient, who was awarded a CRC in 2019 for the Public Understanding of Sexual and Gender Minority Youth. Dr. Wells is director of the Research Centre for Sexual and Gender Diversity.

"We are thrilled to see Dr. Papin be recognized for her exceptional research as she is named a CRC," says Provost and Vice-President, Academic Dr. Craig Monk. "Her work contributes to our growing culture of scholarship at MacEwan, and we look forward to seeing this latest research chair at MacEwan whose work meaningfully engages our students in the classroom and beyond. Thought leaders like Dr. Papin help to build MacEwan's reputation as a leading undergraduate institution, and to further our efforts toward [Teaching Greatness](#)."

Now that she has been awarded a CRC, Dr. Papin is looking forward to continuing her research.

"I have been working on urban climate governance and looking at how cities – especially cities in different countries – work together to enhance their climate policies through networks," she says. "This has a lot to do with urban wellness, but focused on the climate aspect of it."

With the CRC and CFI funding, she will be able to expand her research, hire student research assistants and create a database of her findings to facilitate global connections and contribute to an international community of innovators and problem solvers in the field.

The overall goal of the CRC program is to make Canada a global leader in research and development and training and talent development. Tier 2 Chairs are awarded to exceptional emerging researchers whose potential for leadership in their field is acknowledged by their peers. The chairs are awarded and funded for a five-year period and are renewable once. The Canada Research Chair Program is funded by the Government of Canada and is a tri-agency initiative of the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC), the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council (NSERC), and the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR).

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