

Canada Research Chair program: Call for Letters of Intent (LOI)
Supplemental Information
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Internal vs External Candidates

As outlined in the Research Chair policy, the intent is for “the University to use its allocation of CRCs to primarily recruit new researchers and will endeavor to create and/or access opportunities for other Research Chairs to recognise researchers who currently hold faculty appointments at the University.”

Therefore, CRC LOIs should not be tailored to specific internal candidates and clearly target new researchers. Although, in the open recruitment process, internal candidates are not precluded from submitting an application.

Evaluation Criteria

The LOIs will be evaluated against the criteria to be addressed. That is, the 5 areas with 14 sub-criteria.

Plan for Faculty Line and Resources - Criteria #5

Carefully consider and articulate two transition plans for the CRC.

Transition in:

5. c) what resources will the Faculty or unit commit to support the CRC’s research program (e.g. lab space, graduate student allocations, start-up or research funding, travel, materials and supplies, equipment, reduced course load)

Be specific about the level of support and resources the Faculty will commit and what supports differ from those provided for regular faculty members. Consider CFI JELF (see below).

Transition out:

5. b) how will the Faculty or unit assume the Chairholder’s position and budgeted faculty line at the conclusion of the CRC term

In addition considering salary and benefits, **what other resources will the Chairholder have continued access to as their term ends?** (e.g. lab space, graduate student allocations, research funding, travel, materials and supplies, equipment, course load). This was not explicitly stated in the criteria and should be addressed.

CFI JELF

The CFI JELF program supports infrastructure, renovations and equipment costs. CFI will provide 40% of total project funding with Innovation SK typically matching another 40%. The remaining 20% must come from other sources such as faculty contributions, deep vendor discounts, industry funds and/or researcher contributions. The U of R has earmarked the following CFI allocations for incoming CRCs. In considering Faculty resources, indicate if the CFI JELF will be accessed, available space, and how the 20% from other sources will be met. If applicable, the Faculty can provide additional funds to expand the project scope.

NSERC Tier 1: \$100,000 JELF + \$100,000 Innovation SK + minimum \$50,000 other sources

CIHR Tier 2: \$75,000 JELF + \$75,000 Innovation SK + minimum \$37,500 other sources

Other Tier 2: up to \$75,000 JELF + \$75,000 Innovation SK + minimum \$37,500 other sources

(if the Other Tier 2 is NSERC or CIHR the minimum request to CFI is \$75,000, SSHRC requests can be less than that if equipment and renovation costs are not as extensive)

The CFI JELF allocations expire with the Oct 2019 intake. Therefore, if recruitment processes are such that candidates do not submit an Oct 2019 nomination, this allocation will be lost.

Research Data

Research data at the unit level, compiled by the Research Office, will be provided to the review committee including external funding and graduate students.

Citation Appendix

An additional one page appendix for citations can be submitted with the three page LOI. No other appendices are allowed.