



Internal Memorandum

To: Full-Time Faculty

From: Dr. Kim Fenwick
Vice-President (Academic and Research)

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Re: **Tier 2 Canada Research Chair Call for Faculty Applications**

On Monday, January 22nd, the CRC Nomination committee, consisting of Drs. Michael Dawson, Susan Machum, Shaun Narine, Karla O'Regan, Carey Watt, Christian Mbarga (as equity representative), and myself, met to evaluate three "general application" submissions in order to determine the focal area(s) for our vacant Tier II CRC position(s).

The committee was impressed with elements from each of the applications, all of which broadly addressed public policy and social engagement. Hence, in considering the strengths of the submitted proposals, STU's Strategic Research Plan, the University's current research landscape, and the committee's desire to encourage as many internal applications as possible, I am pleased to invite applications for a Tier II Canada Research Chair in the following general area:

Evidence-based Public Policy and Social Engagement.

We are thus entering Phase II of our nomination process. Individual faculty members (tenured or tenure-track faculty at STU) are now invited to submit applications for a Tier II CRC that *falls within this general area but that speaks to their particular research strengths and accomplishments.*

Applications must be submitted to the Office of the Vice-President (Academic and Research) **by noon on Friday, April 13th, 2018.**

In familiarizing themselves with the CRC Program's regulations, applicants should note, in particular, the sections on "Eligibility" and "Selection Criteria."

In part, these sections emphasize the following:

Tier 2 nominees must normally be nominated within 10 years of having obtained their Ph.D/highest degree.

"Tier 2 Chairs, tenable for five years and renewable once, are for exceptional emerging researchers, acknowledged by their peers as having the potential to lead in their field. For each Tier 2 Chair, the institution receives \$100,000 annually for five years."

“Nominees for Tier 2 Chair positions must be emerging scholars. They should, at a minimum, be assistant or associate professors, or possess the necessary qualifications to be appointed to these levels.”

“[N]ominating institutions may nominate a professor or a researcher who is more than 10 years from their highest degree at the time of nomination and has experienced legitimate career interruptions... In such cases, institutions must submit to the Secretariat a formal justification... explaining why the nominee is still considered to be an emerging scholar.”

“Note: Potential Tier 2 candidates who are more than 10 years from their highest degree must contact the research grants office (or equivalent) at the host institution directly for questions related to the institution’s Tier 2 allocations and their potential eligibility for a Tier 2 Chair.”

A Completed Application...

- will include a cover letter, signed by the applicant, indicating the title of the proposed Chair;
- will consist of two sections Section 1 (2000 words) will detail the applicant’s research strengths and achievements and offer a detailed research plan for the first five years of the Chair. Section 2 (1000 words) will establish a close fit between the proposed research focus and the University’s Strategic Research Plan;
- will be accompanied by the candidate’s full, up-to-date, *curriculum vitae*;
- will pay particular attention to the rules and regulations concerning Tier II CRC nominations. These are detailed on the CRC website: http://www.chairs-chaire.gc.ca/program-programme/nomination-mise_en_candidature-eng.aspx#s2

For more information on Tier 2 Justifications, or the specifics surrounding the CRC program, please contact our Associate Vice-President (Research), Dr. Michael Dawson.