

UBC's Canada Research Chairs Advertisement/Posting Criteria

Until further notice, and to redress the imbalance of representation with the CRCP, nominations to the CRCP are restricted to individuals who self-identify as belonging to one or more of the federally designated groups.

All units/departments must ensure their chair recruitment and nomination processes are transparent, open, and equitable. This applies to all new nominations (whether the chair position is used to nominate internal researchers or to recruit external researchers). The recruitment and nomination processes should also be consistent with the principles and safeguards embodied in UBC's existing hiring practices and policies.

Since October 2017, a dated copy of the chair posting/advertisement must be included with all nominations submitted to the CRC program for peer review. Nominations that do not provide evidence of an openly advertised process will not be accepted by the program – this applies to all internal and external recruitment, emergency retention, advancement, and foreign nominations.

Institutional accountability <http://www.chairs-chaires.gc.ca/program-programme/equity-equite/recruitment-recrutement-eng.aspx>:

- When filling a chair, units/departments must consider the need to meet and sustain their current equity and diversity targets to address the underrepresentation of individuals from the federally designated groups within their allocation of chairs (Indigenous Peoples, persons with disabilities, racialized individuals, and/or women and gender equity-seeking groups).
- If your Faculty would like a review of the language in your posting to support its success in attracting excellent candidates from diverse backgrounds, please contact the Equity & Inclusion Office (avp.eio@equity.ubc.ca) prior to posting.
- Before beginning the recruitment process, the faculty must identify a senior level official who will be responsible for ensuring that the recruitment requirements have been followed and will attest to this by signing the program's *Institutional Attestation - Recruitment and Nomination Process Form*.
- The Tri-Agency Institutional Programs Secretariat (TIPS) reserves the right to ask institutions to provide, at any time within 48 months following nomination submission, documentation that demonstrates that the recruitment requirements were followed.

Advertisement / job postings:

- the job posting must clearly state the date on which it has been posted and the end date;
- include the department/faculty conducting the process;
- include the tier of the chair position and chair agency (SSHRC, NSERC, CIHR);
- include the field of research being targeted;
- ensure that the advertisement is clear regarding the CRCP requirement to nominate

chairholders from traditionally under-represented faculty, and in particular, the language from the [2019 Addendum to the 2006 Canadian Human Rights Settlement Agreement](#) (refer to restrictive recruiting/nomination):

“In accordance with the [2019 Addendum to the 2006 Canadian Human Rights Settlement Agreement](#), UBC’s [CRC Equity, Diversity, & Inclusion Action Plan](#) [<https://research.ubc.ca/federal-research-chair-programs/canada-research-chairs/ubcs-commitment-equity-diversity-and/>], and pursuant to Section 42 of the BC Human Rights code, the selection will be restricted to members of the following federally designated groups: Indigenous Peoples, racialized people, people with disabilities, and women and gender equity-seeking groups. Applicants to CRC positions are asked to complete this [equity survey](#) [https://ubc.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_6WJHol7SfPxRMu9] as part of the application, and candidates from these groups must self-identify as belonging to one or more of the federally designated groups to be considered for the position. Candidates must also provide their name in the survey to be considered.

Personal information is collected under the authority of sections 26(a), 26(c) and 26(e) of the BC Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. The information you provide will be used to determine whether you qualify for participation in this restricted process, and to advance accessibility, equity, and fair adjudication in this process. Data will be collected by the Equity & Inclusion Office and only the names of those eligible for the search process will be shared confidentially with the search committee. All responses will be stored in a secure database.”

- ensure that a link to the centralized [applicant equity survey](#) is included in each search advertisement, with the language regarding why and how UBC collects, stores, and uses this data. **Please note:** as advertisements are posted through different recruitment software, hyperlinks may not work: it is imperative that you provide the link in full beside its description in the posting. (e.g., equity survey https://ubc.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_6WJHol7SfPxRMu9);
- if the position is for a Tier 2 chair, include information on the Tier 2 justification process. Faculties must ensure that the language relating to eligibility for Tier 2 chairs in their job postings is not misleading nor exclusionary:

“Tier 2 Chairs are intended for exceptional emerging scholars (i.e., candidates must have been an active researcher in their field for fewer than 10 years at the time of nomination). Applicants who are more than 10 years from having earned their highest degree (including where career breaks exist, such as maternity or extended sick leave, clinical training, etc.) may have their eligibility for a Tier 2 Chair assessed through the program’s Tier 2 justification process.”

Further information on this process can be found here – [Tier 2 Justification Process](#).

- include a statement that recognizes the legitimate impact that leaves (e.g., maternity, parental, medical, bereavement) can have on a candidate’s record of research achievement

and that these leaves will be taken into careful consideration during the assessment process:

“UBC recognizes the legitimate impact that COVID-related research interruptions and eligible leaves (e.g., maternity, parental, medical, bereavement) can have on a candidate’s record of achievement. These leaves will be taken into careful consideration during the assessment process.”

- include a statement on the institution’s accommodation policies and provide the contact information of someone who can address accessibility needs and requests for accommodations (e.g., to accommodate candidates with hearing impairments, mobility restrictions, etc.):

“The University is committed to creating and maintaining an accessible work environment for all members of its workforce. Within this hiring process we will make efforts to create an accessible process for all candidates (including but not limited to disabled people). Confidential accommodations are available on request by contacting [Name, Faculty/Department by email at (relevant email)].

If you have any questions regarding accommodations or accessibility during the recruitment and hiring process or for more information and support, please visit UBC’s Center for Workplace Accessibility website at <https://hr.ubc.ca/health-and-wellbeing/working-injury-illness-or-disability/centre-workplace-accessibility> or contact the Centre at workplace.accessibility@ubc.ca.”

- the name and contact information of an individual who can answer any questions regarding the posting;
- include the UBC equity and diversity commitment statement for ensuring individuals from the federally designated groups participate within the program;
- publicly advertise all Chair positions on UBC’s public accountability web pages (UBC’s Faculty Careers/CRC web site) for a minimum of 30 days prior to the closing of the competition;
- email a dated copy of the advertisement to ubc.crc@ubc.ca plus the links to all job postings that advertise chair positions on the exact day they are posted online; the UBC CRC Secretariat will forward a copy to edi-edi@chairs-chaires.gc.ca;
- in keeping with transparency, a job posting may be advertised no more than two years prior to the nomination being put forward to TIPS.

Centre for Workplace Accessibility

The University is committed to creating and maintaining an inclusive and equitable work environment for all members of its workforce. An inclusive work environment presumes an

environment where differences are accepted, recognized, and integrated into current structures, planning, and decision-making modes. To learn more about UBC's Center for Workplace Accessibility, visit the website here <https://hr.ubc.ca/health-and-wellbeing/working-injury-illness-or-disability/centre-workplace-accessibility>. To learn more about how the university is working to create a more inclusive working and learning environment, see the Strategic Equity & Anti-Racism (StEAR) Framework's [goals](#) related to recruitment and retention.

Restrictive recruiting/nomination information to be included in advertisement:

“In accordance with UBC's [CRC Equity, Diversity, & Inclusion Action Plan](#) [<https://research.ubc.ca/federal-research-chair-programs/canada-research-chairs/ubcs-commitment-equity-diversity-and>], and pursuant to Section 42 of the BC Human Rights code, the selection will be restricted to members of any of the following federally designated groups: Indigenous Peoples, racialized people, people with disabilities, and/or women and gender equity-seeking groups. Applicants to CRC positions are asked to complete this [equity survey](#) [https://ubc.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_6WJHo17SfPxRMu9] as part of the application, and candidates from these groups must self-identify as belonging to one or more of the federally designated groups to be considered for the position. Candidates must also provide their name in the survey to be considered.

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Internal recruitment candidates advertising:

- must adhere to all of the advertisement requirements listed above, and
 - if a chair is being used for an internal candidate, all faculty members must be given the chance to apply for the chair. The University is required to publicly advertise the available chair on [their public accountability website](#) for a minimum of 30 days. Posting the availability of the chair on the Faculty Careers website <http://www.hr.ubc.ca/careers/faculty-careers/> meets this requirement.
 - include a transparency statement at the start of all internal recruitment ads that states the Chair is open only to existing faculty at the institution.

Chairs being used for an emergency retention:

- Units/departments may only use Canada Research Chair positions for emergency retention in **very exceptional** circumstances. The emergency retention mechanism may only be used by institutions that are meeting their equity and diversity targets

for all four federally designated groups or in cases where the nomination contributes to meeting these targets;

- the Faculty Dean must notify the AVPRI of the intent to use a chair for an emergency retention prior to starting the process;
- the nomination package requires the inclusion of a letter signed by the AVPRI indicating that a faculty member is looking for/being recruited for a position at another university;
- Deans must ensure they have written consent from the nominee prior to posting identifying information in the notice;
- the nominee should confirm information/wording on the notification and sign a copy of the posting;
- the posting transparency statement must include the institution's intention to nominate an individual using the emergency retention mechanism;
- the posting must include a detailed justification explaining why the emergency retention mechanism is being used;
- the advertisement must include a reference to [UBC's CRC Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Action Plan](#), and the CRC program's high standards for excellence
- Deans should consult with the AVP, Equity and Inclusion (avp.eio@equity.ubc.ca)
- the posting must be available on the [UBC's public accountability and transparency page](#) for a minimum of 30 days;
- the posting should provide the contact details of someone who can respond to questions/concerns about the nomination;
- a copy of the chair posting should be emailed to the CRC Secretariat at ubc.crc@ubc.ca at the time the notification is posted. Include a PDF of the posting and the date it was posted;
- **do not** explicitly state on the posting that the nomination will help the institution meet or maintain a target as this could breach the individual's right to privacy;
- **do not** provide any other personal information.