

University of Saskatchewan Research Chairs Oversight Committee (OC) Terms of Reference

Responsibility:

The University of Saskatchewan (USask) Research Chairs Oversight Committee (OC) is responsible for the overall governance and oversight of all university research chairs programs, including the Centennial Enhancement Chairs, the Tri-Agency Institutional Programs (TIPS) chairs such as the Canada Research Chairs (CRC), Canada 150 (C150) and Canada Excellence Research Chair (CERC), and other personnel awards at the USask.

The USask Research Chairs OC ensures effective, sustainable participation in these programs to assist in meeting USask strategic priorities.

Membership:

Committee members are the Provost and Vice-President Academic and Vice-President Research.

The following act as resource personnel:

- Vice-Provost, Faculty Relations
- Associate Vice-President Research
- Director, Research Acceleration & Strategic Initiatives

Purpose:

The USask Research Chairs OC is the final decision-making body on all aspects of the research chairs programs, including the following CRC-related requirements:

- Development and implementation of the USask *CRC Strategic Research Plan*;
- Development, implementation and monitoring of USask's *CRC Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Action Plan*; and
- Processes and final decisions related to: theme/chair allocations; recruitment; nominations; renewals and utilization of the *Emergency retention* option.

Meeting Schedule:

The Committee will meet three times per year or at the call of the Committee Co-Chairs.

Structure:

The USask Research Chairs OC has two CRC subcommittees. Additional committees may be created for other research chair programs as necessary:

1. CRC Advisory Subcommittee (CRC AS):

- Purpose: to provide a forum for collegial consideration and serve in an advisory capacity to the CRC OC. This Committee is a sub-committee of the Joint Committee on Chairs and Professorships, which permits the streamlining of the general processes associated with Chairs at the University of Saskatchewan while still recognizing the specificity associated with particular programs, such as the CRC.
- For CRC AS details see: [CRC Advisory Subcommittee Terms of Reference.](#)

2. CRC Search Subcommittee (CRC SS):

- Purpose: To conduct the search process for all CRCs. The committee will be responsible for the refinement of the search parameters (provided by the CRC OC), the advertising for and identification of suitable candidates in consultation with the relevant University community, and guidance of the interview process.
- For CRC SS details see: [CRC Search Subcommittee Terms of Reference.](#)