Transparency Statement for the Nomination of a Tier 2 CIHR Canada Research Chair

The University of Saskatchewan (USask) wishes to nominate an individual to a vacant Tier 2 CIHR Canada Research Chair using the emergency retention mechanism as established by and according to the Canada Research Chair Secretariat.

The nominee is an outstanding scholar from an equity-deserving group, with a proven track record of Tri-Agency funding, national leadership, interdisciplinary research, and community partnerships. The nominee will articulate a program that supports interdisciplinary and community-based Indigenous health research which aligns with the university's signature areas of Indigenous Peoples Engagement and Scholarship, Communities and Sustainability, and Health and Wellness.

This candidate's excellent research track record, coupled with their work in a highly competitive and rapidly emerging research area, has made retention of the researcher an urgent concern for the institution. The candidate has been approached by other institutions looking to recruit in the area.

The retention of this candidate advances the university's equity, diversity and inclusion goals and targets for the Four Designated Groups.

This decision has been approved by the USask Research Chairs Oversight Committee:

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The decision was made in close consultation with the college leadership team, and with careful consideration of the university's strategic research goals and its equity and diversity goals and targets.

For questions or concerns regarding this nomination, please contact:

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