



Canada Research Chairs
Advisory Committee

MEMORANDUM

TO: Deans, Directors of Schools, Associate Deans (Research) and Department Heads

FROM: J. Germida, K. Schneider
Co-chairs, CRC Advisory Committee

DATE: June 22, 2018

SUBJECT: Call for Theme Area(s) for Canada Research Chair Nominations

The University of Saskatchewan's Canada Research Chairs Advisory Committee is inviting colleges and schools to submit proposals for CRC theme areas. Up to 3 Tier 1 or 7 Tier 2 or a mix of Tier 1 and Tier 2 chairs are available. Theme areas may fit within any of the three federal research granting agencies – CIHR, NSERC, or SSHRC.

The number of chairs available presents an exciting opportunity for the U of S to develop and enhance areas of strategic importance. The U of S is committed to using its CRC positions to recruit exceptional new scholars, especially from the four designated groups, to the university. Colleges and schools are encouraged to initiate a consultative process within their departments/units and with other colleges and schools in order to identify theme area recommendations. Please see attached the Call for CRC Theme Areas.

Proposals may be submitted to Strategic Research Initiatives unit (sri.support@usask.ca) by **Wednesday, September 26, 2018**. Proposals will only be accepted from the College's/School's Dean/Executive Director or Associate Dean Research. Colleges and Schools submitting multiple proposals are asked to rank their proposals.

Following submission, theme areas will be reviewed by the CRC Advisory Committee. A recommendation will be provided to the CRC Oversight Committee for final selection and approval.

Please do not hesitate to consult with us or Laura Zink (laura.zink@usask.ca; phone: 306-966-1778) if you require further information or have any questions on this process.

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Jim Germida

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Kevin Schneider

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cc: CRC Advisory Committee
Laura Zink, Director, Strategic Research Initiatives

CALL FOR CRC THEME AREAS

Proposals for theme areas should be brief – 3 pages maximum (use 12-point font) addressing the following topics:

1. **Title and brief description of proposed theme area** (*1 page*).
 - Theme area proposal should be innovative and compelling and either:
 - addresses one or more of energy, health and Indigenous theme areas; or
 - focuses on area of strategic importance to one or more units.
 - Your proposal should describe how the theme area is at the cutting edge of research and will address the following key CRC goals:
 - improve our depth of knowledge and quality of life;
 - strengthen Canada's international competitiveness; and
 - help train the next generation of highly skilled people.
2. **Description of how a CRC in this area would enhance and accelerate college/school performance through collaborative and synergistic activity** (*3/4 page*).
 - Please consider how this theme area relates to college/school research, scholarly or artistic work priorities.
 - What existing infrastructure, faculty, and/or research groups will this chairholder work with (please be specific)?
 - What will be the value add of this chairholder to the college/school?
3. **Description of how a CRC in this area would nurture cross-unit research or scholarly activity** (*3/4 page*).
 - Which other colleges and their researchers will benefit from this CRC?
 - Please indicate the college's/school's external partners that this chairholder may work with.
 - What will be the value add of this chairholder in building cross-unit collaboration?
 - Please briefly outline who has been included in consultations about this theme area.
4. **Potential to recruit an excellent candidate from the four designated groups (FDGs) – Women, Visible Minorities, Persons with Disabilities, and Indigenous Peoples** (*1/2 page*)
 - Please indicate the strategy (i.e., conferences, professional organizations, networks, etc.) that you will utilize to achieve a diverse pool of candidates.
 - If you are aware of potential candidates from the FDGs, please indicate.