Transparency Statement for the
Nomination of a Tier 1 NSERC Canada Research Chair

The University of Saskatchewan wishes to nominate an individual to a vacant Tier 1
NSERC Canada Research Chair using the emergency retention mechanism as established
by the Canada Research Chair Secretariat.

The nominee is an outstanding scholar, with a proven track record of national and international
leadership, interdisciplinary research and innovative mentorship and training. The nominee will
articulate a strategic, cross-disciplinary program that contributes to the university’s thematic foci
on Technology and Science and Culture and Society, as well as the institution’s One Health
signature area.

The stature of the candidate working in a highly-competitive and rapidly emerging research area,
has made retention of the researcher a serious concern for the institution. The candidate has been
approached by other institutions looking to recruit in the area. In addition, retention of the
candidate advances the university’s equity, diversity and inclusion goals.

This decision has been approved by the USask’s CRC 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.

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