

Memo

To: Faculty Deans
Cc: VP Academic & Provost, Vice-Provost Academic, ADRs, Faculty Research Officers and Directors
From: Robert Haché, Vice-President Research & Innovation
Date: June 19, 2017
Subject: Canada 150 Research Chairs Launch

Please be advised that the Government of Canada has just launched its [Canada 150 Research Chairs](#) program. This new initiative will make available a limited number of research chairs, valued at either \$350,000 per year or \$1 million per year, each with a seven year non-renewable term.

The attached note provides further details on the program. However, I would like to draw your attention to a few key details:

- Only researchers who are internationally based at the time of application (both working and residing outside of Canada), including Canadian expatriates, are eligible. Researchers who are already at a Canadian institution are ineligible.
- Matching funds from external partners are not a requirement. However, the Government of Canada expects that institutions will offer additional financial support to increase the overall level of support being provided.
- Applications in all disciplines of research in the social sciences and humanities, natural sciences and engineering, and health and related life sciences are welcome. Institutions may recruit within an existing area of strength, or use the new research chair to build critical mass in a new area.

I would also add that the issue of equity, diversity and inclusion continues to be a key consideration in regards to research chair programs. As such, nominations for this program must demonstrate recruitment and selection processes based on best practices consistent with the government's expectations for a diverse set of candidates to be put forward. This includes a requirement for open advertising with a commitment to equity and diversity, and encouragement for persons in the four designated groups to apply (women, Aboriginal Peoples, persons with disabilities and members of visible minorities).



The timeline for this program is extremely short. Registration is due on **August 18**, with full applications due **September 15**. We anticipate that the identity of the nominee must be known by the registration date; however, this has yet to be confirmed by program staff. It is certain however that the identity of the nominee must be known by the September 15 deadline.

With these criteria in mind, Faculties are encouraged to consider potential nominees who can take advantage of this unique opportunity. In particular, recent foreign candidates who might reconsider accepting a position at York contingent upon their nomination for a Canada 150 Research Chair.

I would ask that you provide any potential nominee's name and corresponding value of the proposed research chair by **July 7** to Mark Roseman, Director, Strategic and Institutional Research Initiatives (roseman@yorku.ca). This information will help facilitate our internal process to select nominations for consideration by the funder.