

SUPPORT PROGRAM FOR EXTERNALLY-FUNDED RESEARCH CHAIRS

Purpose

- To assist faculties/schools in building and/or enhancing research capacity in areas of strategic priority.
- Where applicable, to enhance the competitiveness of research chair proposals to the national granting agencies by way of enhanced institutional support.

Types of Research Chairs Eligible for Program Support

- Research chairs must a faculty recruitment component. Recruitment can be at the assistant, associate or full professor rank.
- Research chairs must be term limited (five years, minimum) and externally funded (\$250,000 per year, minimum). Sources of external support include funds secured through research partnership programs of national granting agencies (CIHR, NSERC, SSHRC) and/or private donations, corporate funds, etc.

Program Support Provided

- For research chairs recruited at the assistant/associate level, \$30,000 in baseline funds will be provided through the annual resource allocation process to the faculty/school at the beginning of the fiscal year following the initial appointment of the Chair. In the year of initial appointment, \$30,000 in budget funds, pro-rated by the period of appointment, will be provided. Baseline funds will be annualized based on negotiated salary increases. During the term of the external award/sponsorship, these funds shall be used to support the research/scholarly program of the incumbent research chair.
- For research chairs recruited at the full professor level, \$50,000 in baseline funds will be provided through the annual resource allocation process to the faculty/school at the beginning of the fiscal year following the initial appointment of the Chair. In the year of initial appointment, \$50,000 in budget funds, pro-rated by the period of appointment, will be provided. Baseline funds will be annualized based on negotiated salary increases. During the term of the external award/sponsorship, these funds shall be used to support the research program of the incumbent research chair.

Faculty/School Responsibilities/Commitments

- Faculties/schools must identify a full time continuing position to which the research chair position will be bridged.
- Upon the expiration of the external research chair support, faculties/schools shall be responsible for covering the full salary and benefit costs of the research chairholder. The annualized baseline support provided through this program would be used to offset a portion of these costs.