

UBC Department of Medicine: Internal Guidelines Related to Canada Research Chair (CRC) Tier 1 and Tier 2 Funding and Applications

CRC Overview

Canada Research Chairs (Tier 1 and Tier 2) are meant for tenure track and tenured faculty because long term funding is expected to be available post CRC term. UBC's interpretation of long term funding is ongoing funding in perpetuity. Ongoing funding in perpetuity translates to a tenured faculty appointment.

Grant Tenured Faculty Applications

If a grant tenured faculty member wishes to apply for a CRC, then there needs to be a funding projection that can demonstrate that the Department is able to support the grant tenured faculty member in perpetuity post CRC. Division Heads who wish to submit CRC applications for grant tenured faculty need to contact the Department Head in advance to confirm whether or not there will be ongoing departmental funding support to switch the faculty member's track from grant tenured to tenured post CRC term.

The Department may be able to leverage partial retirement savings within the Division to support a track change but will not be able to support the majority of grant tenured faculty who wish to apply for CRCs.

It is also highly recommended that the delta of salary, benefits, and increases during the CRC term be covered from funds that are external to the Department. If the application requires departmental funding to cover the delta costs during the CRC term, the Division Head needs to contact the Department Head in advance to confirm whether or not this is possible. Departmental funding support during the CRC term will not be possible the majority of times.

For Centre Directors who wish to put forward faculty members for CRCs, please contact the relevant UBC Division Head in advance to discuss whether or not the Division Head is supportive of the Centre Director's application. The Department will not review CRC applications put forward from Centre Directors which have not secured Division Head support in advance.

Partner and/or Clinical Faculty Applications

If a partner track and/or clinical faculty member wishes to apply for a CRC, then they will be considered external applicants as both partner and clinical faculty are not current employees of UBC. This also means the external application form will need to be completed instead of the internal application form.

If a partner or clinical faculty member wishes to apply for a CRC, then there needs to be a funding projection that can demonstrate that the Department is able to support the partner or clinical faculty member in perpetuity post CRC. Division Heads who wish to submit CRC applications for partner or clinical faculty need to contact the Department Head in advance to confirm whether or not there will be ongoing departmental funding to support a tenured appointment post CRC term.

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Upcoming CRC Competitions

The following UBC link outlines the upcoming CRC competitions:

- <https://academic.ubc.ca/awards-funding/funding-opportunities/canada-research-chairs>