

Template: University of Saskatchewan Centennial Enhancement Chair Renewal Request

Principles and Process of Renewal

The University of Saskatchewan has a limited number of Centennial Enhancement Chairs (CEC) available. These Chairs assist the university in retaining world class faculty with research and scholarship focused within one of the university's signature areas, who have made significant contributions to their field at a national and international level. Consequently, there is no automatic renewal of any CEC. All requests to renew undergo an internal peer review before a recommendation to renew or not renew is made to the CRC Oversight Committee. That committee makes the final decision on the status of a CEC.

Applicants must provide compelling evidence that their research program has: *significantly advanced the university strategic research priorities; successfully trained a number of HQP; and attracted significant external research funding.* Most important is the ***applicant's demonstrated leadership in advancing University of Saskatchewan research priorities*** in one of the following signature areas: Indigenous Peoples: Engagement and Scholarship; Agriculture: Food and Bioproducts for a Sustainable Future; Energy and Mineral Resources: Technology and Public Policy for a Sustainable Environment; One Health: Solutions at the Animal-Human-Environment Interface; Synchrotron Sciences: Innovation in Health, Environment and Advanced Technologies, or Water Security: Stewardship of the World's Freshwater Resources.

Part 1. CEC Accomplishments: **To be completed by the Chairholder**

The university only supports renewal of applications which demonstrate that the Chairholder ***has achieved the objectives set out in the original nomination, has upheld the standards of excellence of the program, and has provided value added to the institution from holding a CEC position.*** In order for the university's CRC Advisory Committee to evaluate your eligibility for a renewal term, and to make a recommendation to the CRC Oversight Committee, please complete sections 1 – 6, creating a compelling and justifiable case for your renewal.

1. **Leadership** (max. 1 page): Candidates must demonstrate that: their leadership contributions within the University, nationally, and internationally, exceed that of regular faculty colleagues of similar rank and years of service; the broader UofS community has benefited; and that research performance has accelerated as a result of the Chair. In developing your leadership case, consider your contributions to development of new initiatives and collaborative teams, explain how your engagement of collaborators contributed to greater research intensity and excellence among university peers and fostered excellence in student programming and training.
2. **Quality of the Chair** (max. 1 page): demonstrate how you continue to distinguish yourself as an outstanding, world-class researcher, or are developing into an outstanding, original and creative researcher of world-class calibre, and are poised to become a leader in your field.
3. **Research Progress** (max. 1 page): demonstrate how you met the objectives outlined in your current CEC term (or explain any deviations) to show that your program of research is producing leading-edge results which are making a significant impact at the international level, or is producing important results that are making a significant impact in the field.
4. **Proposed Research Program for renewal term** (max 1. page): provide a research project summary, list your objectives, and briefly explain how the research program is different than in your previous CEC term. There should be evidence that you are proposing an original and innovative research program of the highest quality.

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5. **Research Productivity:** provide a PDF file of your updated CV.
6. **HQP training record** (max. 1 page): provide an overview of your HQP training strategy and current whereabouts of previous trainees. Illustrate that you have successfully attracted, developed and retained - and continue to attract, develop and retain - excellent trainees, students and future researchers.

Part 2. Contributions to the Research Environment: To be completed by the Dean *(Maximum 1 page)*

The Dean (working with the Associate/Vice Dean Research and Department Head as appropriate) must provide a strong rationale as to why the CRC Oversight Committee should approve the renewal of the CEC. There must be compelling evidence the Chairholder has met the expectations for the Chair during their most recent term, and will continue to make extraordinary contributions to the university, national, and international research environment. Alignment of the Chairholder's research program with institutional research priorities is essential. Please consider the following questions in your response:

1. **Potential of Candidate:** Why should the university support an additional CEC term for this Chairholder rather than recruitment of a new nominee? Consider research impact, external recognition, HQP mentorship, ability to attract and leverage resources, and leadership within and beyond the university.
2. **Strategic Importance:** What strategic advantage is there for the university in another CEC term for this individual in this research area?
3. **Resources Commitment:** What resources will the department and college provide to support the success of the CEC?