

University Research Excellence Chair University of Prince Edward Island

In the *UPEI Strategic Research Plan (2023 – 2028): Roadmap to Research Excellence*, one of the thematic goals is to expand research capacity by developing new resources that increase the number of research chair positions at the University. UPEI's reputation and research profile, nationally and internationally, are largely determined by the scholarly accomplishments of its professors.

The designation of "University Research Excellence Chair" (UREC) recognizes the exceptional research achievements of faculty members. Selected chairholders are outstanding researchers, either early career researchers who are emerging scholars, or already established as leaders in their respective field of research.

Terms of Appointment

A faculty member holding the title of University Research Excellence Chair will receive an annual research grant of \$20,000 for the two-year duration of the Chair appointment. Funds are provided towards a research grant for the chairholder. One or more appointments will be made each year. If a UREC is awarded another research chair during their appointment, they must relinquish the UREC title and benefits.

The research grant funds may be used for stipends of research trainees, operating funds for research activities (materials, supplies, equipment, professional / technical services, consulting fees), computers, electronic communication, dissemination of research results, page charges for published articles, research support (promotional materials, patent applications, pre-commercialization services, licensing fees), books and periodicals.

The Chair title and research grant are relinquished if another research chair appointment is awarded. One or more appointments will be made each year. The duration of the Chair appointment is two (2) years, with an expectation that the chairholder will seek other partner opportunities to transition the Chair to another external source of funding after the period of the chairship.

Selection Process

A faculty Dean may submit one (non-departmentalized faculties) or two (departmentalized faculties) nominations of faculty members to the Office of the Vice-President, Academic and Research (VPAR). The Research Advisory Committee (RAC) will review proposals and make recommendations to the VPAR. A nomination includes a curriculum vitae and brief one-page summary of the nominee's most significant research contributions, along with any other documentation the Dean requires to make a compelling submission.

The Chair program is committed to the [UPEI EDI Strategy](#) which advances equity, diversity and inclusion within the University community. Decision makers will follow the [Tri-Agency's best practice assessment guidelines](#) to ensure that determinations of excellence are not limited to traditional and narrow perspectives (including in the review of Indigenous research).