

CANADA RESEARCH CHAIRS FUND (Revised, March 2001)

Terms of Reference

The purpose of the Canada Research Chairs Fund (CRCF) is to provide funding in support of clusters of academic activity established pursuant to the federal government's Canada Research Chairs program. Allocations to the University under the Canada Research Chair program (net of University central indirect costs as described below) will flow into the CRCF. Within the CRCF there will be a separate pool for funds that will support Chairs established in the Faculty of Medicine and its affiliated teaching hospitals and research institutes. Separate reports on expenditures from both pools within the CRCF will be brought forward to the Planning and Budget Committee for approval.

Source of Funds for the CRCF

The Canada Research Chairs Fund will be assembled as follows:

1. Government grants in support of Chairs at the University net of the University's central indirect cost, which is 16% of the salary and benefits of the Chair. (For example, the average \$150,000 per Chair breaks down as \$107,143 for salaries and benefits, \$25,714 as support for clusters and \$17,143 as University central indirect cost.)
2. Government grants in support of Chairs at the affiliated teaching hospitals and research institutes net of the University's central indirect cost of 6%.
3. Recovery of actual salary and benefits of existing university faculty members outside of the Faculty of Medicine who are appointed to Chairs.
4. Recovery of the nominal starting salaries of unfilled university positions outside of the Faculty of Medicine (\$65,000 plus standard benefits) which are converted to Chairs.

Allocations from the CRCF

Chairs established at the University

1. Allocations from the CRCF will be made on the basis of approved budgets for each cluster of Chairs and related activities. Examples of eligible costs include salaries and benefits of the Chairholders and technical and administrative staff in the cluster, graduate student support, equipment, specialized library resources, datasets and other research resources, travel, publication and other expenses related to dissemination, and departmental and divisional administrative costs. An estimate of the amount of graduate student aid available from the CRCF is presented in the budget projections and will be evaluated as we develop new Long-Range Budget Guidelines.
2. Funding for each Chair will include a research stipend of \$10,000, to be used at the discretion of the Chairholder for purposes such as the dissemination of research results and collegial interaction.

Chairs established at the affiliated teaching hospitals and research institutes

1. Funding in support of Chairs at the affiliated teaching hospitals and research institutes, net of the 6% for central university indirect costs, will be transferred to the affiliated teaching hospitals and research institutes.

