OFFICE OF RESEARCH SERVICES

Research Excellence Chairs Program

Description

UOIT has established a Research Excellence Chairs Program to recognize and reward the high-quality research and scholarly achievements of UOIT faculty members. The program is designed to enable accomplished scholars to complete a major research program or project. Further, the program is meant to emphasize the importance of research at UOIT in strategic areas, while highlighting and promoting the outstanding achievements of our scholars. The Research Excellence Chairs Program will support the retention and excellence of Tenured and Tenure-Track (TTT) faculty members at UOIT. Current chair holders (including Canada Research Chairs and Industrial Chairs) are not eligible to apply.

Value of Award

Up to $30,000 per year for three years (non-renewable).

Number of Awards

The Vice-President Research, Innovation and International (VPRII) will support at least one Chair every two years, in strategic research areas of importance to the university.

Recognition

The UOIT Research Excellence Chairs Program recipients will be honored at an appreciation ceremony highlighting the scholarly accomplishments of the recipient. The recipient will be permanently recognized on a plaque displayed in the Office of the Vice-President Research, Innovation and International.

Use of Funds

Funds may be used to support the following eligible expenditures:

- Teaching release
  - Up to 2 courses (or 50%) of normal teaching load in their home Faculty.
  - Requires Dean’s approval.
- Salary support for trainees.
- Travel and subsistence.
- Equipment and research supplies.
- Dissemination of research results.

Note: Funds are to be used in accordance with the UOIT internal use of funds policy. Extensions will not be approved unless under exceptional circumstances.

Deadlines

The deadline for the Notice of Intent is: January 31st, 2018

The deadline for the Full Application is: March 2nd, 2018
Submission Requirements for Notice of Intent
1. Complete the Notice of Intent Form and submit to the Office of Research Services (colleen.mckay@uoit.ca).

Submission Requirements for Full Application
Prepare the following for submission to the Office of Research Services:
1. Statement of Nomination (3 pages): Statement of nomination from the Dean, clearly demonstrating that the nominee is an excellent researcher of world-class caliber and has demonstrated particular research creativity and impact relevant to their respective discipline.
2. Research Chair Title and Research Project Summary (100 words – application form):
   o Chair title and research project summary:
     ▪ Provide a 100-word summary, written in lay language, describing the uniqueness and importance of the proposed research program. The summary will be used for publicity purposes.
3. Research Program (4 pages): Proposed research program written by nominee.
4. Fit with Strategic Plan and Equity, Diversity and Inclusiveness Priorities (1 page):
   o Proposed fit of the research chair with the institution’s and faculty’s strategic research priorities. Specifically address:
     ▪ the importance of the chair to the institution’s strategic research development;
     ▪ how the proposed chair will contribute to the attainment of the institution’s/faculty’s objectives, as outlined in its strategic research plan;
     ▪ how the nominee has helped build relationships with other research initiatives in Canada and abroad; and
     ▪ how the nominee will help support and build equity, diversity and inclusivity within UOIT and the research program.
5. Budget (2 pages): Budget plan and justification.
6. Curriculum Vitae (no page limit): Current Curriculum Vitae (Tri-Agency format). The CV should include a list of the nominee’s five most significant research contributions made during their career, explaining their significance and impact.
7. Reference Letters: Two external letters of reference with at least one arm’s length.
8. External Reviewers: List of three potential external reviewers at arm’s length.

Prepare your documents following the requirements below:
   i. Explain any acronyms and abbreviations fully;
   ii. Pages must be 8 ½” x 11”;
   iii. Pages must be single-spaced, with no more than six lines of type per inch;
   iv. All text must be in 12 pt. font;
   v. Margins must be set at a minimum of ¾”;
   vi. Pages must be numbered sequentially.

Submit one complete electronic copy containing all requirements (one PDF file) to:

Colleen McKay
Grants Officer, Office of Research Services
colleen.mckay@uoit.ca
The Research Excellence Chairs Program will support outstanding and innovative researchers:

- Whose accomplishments have made a major impact in their field.
- Who are recognized nationally and internationally as leaders in their area of research.
- With a strong record of research funding, awards, and/or distinctions.
- With a solid record of mentoring undergraduate students, supervising graduate students and postdoctoral fellows (taking into account circumstances in the Department/Faculty or practices in the relevant field or discipline), and, as Chairs, have the potential to attract excellent trainees and future researchers.
- Who outline an original, innovative research program of high quality that directly aligns with a research theme outlined in UOIT’s Strategic Research Plan.

A multidisciplinary committee, comprised of 3-5 senior scholars, with active funding records, at UOIT will adjudicate the nominations. Committee members will be selected by the Vice-President Research, Innovation and International, in consultation with the Deans. External ad hoc reviewers will be added as required.

Notification of results will be sent to all applicants once decisions have been finalized. The Selection Committee will make funding recommendations to the Vice-President Research, Innovation and International who will make the final decision. All of the Vice-President Research, Innovation and International’s decisions are final.

Appeals of any decisions will be made to the UOIT Research Board. The VPRII will receive recommendation from the Board and make the final decision.

- Give a public lecture in the final year of the award.
- Provide annual reports outlining major accomplishments during the award period.

Contact the Office of Research Services at research@uoit.ca.