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University of Alberta

Tier 2 Canada Research Chair (CRC), Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences

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JOB INFO

Job Identification	4536
Job Category	Faculty & Faculty Services
Job Schedule	Full time
Category Type	Academic
Position Type	Canada Research Chair (CRC)
College/Administrative Portfolio	College of Health Sciences
Faculty/Department	Pharmacy + Pharmaceutical Sciences

ABOUT THE JOB

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Closing Date: December 3, 2026

The Faculty of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences (FPPS) invites applications from current FPPS employees who hold a tenured or tenure-track position at the Assistant Professor or Associate Professor rank for a Tier 2 Canada Research Chair (CRC).

This internal opportunity reflects the Faculty's commitment to advancing research excellence by supporting an exceptional emerging researcher in developing an internationally recognized program of research. Through the Canada Research Chairs Program, the Faculty seeks to strengthen its research capacity, foster innovation, and build on its existing strengths across the spectrum of health research.
This Faculty welcomes applications from researchers working in all four Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) pillars of health research (Biomedical Research; Clinical Research; Health Services Research; and/or Social, Cultural, Environmental and Population Health Research). Particular interest exists in research aligned with the Faculty’s strategic strengths in Drug Discovery and Development and Health Services Research; however, outstanding applicants from all areas of health research will be considered.

RESPONSIBILITIES

The successful candidate will be an exceptional emerging researcher who is, or demonstrates the potential to become, a nationally and internationally recognized leader in their field. The Chair will establish and lead an innovative and impactful research program that complements the Faculty's strategic research priorities and is supported by competitive peer-reviewed funding, including funding from the CIHR or other prominent funding agencies (or with the potential for such support in the near future).

The successful candidate will be expected to:

- lead an innovative and productive program of research with the potential to achieve international recognition;
- secure and maintain competitive external research funding;
- publish a sustained body of scholarly work in high-quality peer-reviewed journals appropriate to their discipline;
- foster interdisciplinary collaboration within the Faculty, across the University, and with external partners;

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- supervise and mentor graduate students and trainees; and
- contribute to the Faculty's research environment through academic leadership and service.

QUALIFICATIONS

The successful candidate will:

- Currently hold a tenured or tenure-track appointment at the Assistant Professor or Associate Professor rank within the Faculty of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences;
- Hold a PhD, PharmD, PharmD/MSc, PharmD/PhD, or equivalent doctoral qualification in a relevant health research discipline. A PhD is a requirement of the faculty and not of the Canada Research Chairs Program.
- Demonstrate an established record of scholarly productivity appropriate to their career stage;
- Demonstrate success, or strong potential for success, in obtaining competitive peer-reviewed research funding;
- Demonstrate the ability to develop and lead collaborative research initiatives; and
- Demonstrate excellence in communication and mentorship.

Hiring preference will be given to candidates who have received a minimum of two years of postdoctoral training.

CRC Requirements

Tier 2 CRCs are intended for exceptional emerging researchers (i.e., candidates must have had their first independent active research-related appointment for fewer than 10 years at the time of nomination). Applicants who are more than 10 years from their first independent academic research-related appointment (and where career breaks exist, such as maternity, parental or extended sick leave, clinical training, etc.) may have their eligibility for a Tier 2 Chair assessed through the program's Tier 2 justification process. Please consult the University of Alberta CRC Coordinator, Glen Thomas (crcadmin@ualberta.ca) for more information. Full program information, including details on eligibility criteria and acceptable leaves, can be found on the Canada Research Chairs website: http://www.chairs-chaires.gc.ca/home-accueil-eng.aspx

NB: The CRC Program does not require a PhD (and the stipulations of a PhD is a requirement of the faculty only).

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The University of Alberta recognizes the legitimate impact that leaves (e.g., parental leave, leave due to illness) can have on a candidate's record of research achievement and that these leaves will be taken into careful consideration during the assessment process.

The successful applicant will have a demonstrated ability to conduct and lead original, innovative research working in a collaborative team environment, and will possess excellent communication skills.

Please consult the Canada Research Chairs website for full program information, including further details on eligibility criteria.

The successful applicant will be nominated for a Tier 2 Canada Research Chair. Nominations are subject to review by the CRC Secretariat, and appointment as a Canada Research Chair is conditional upon their approval.

To Apply

1. Applicants will receive a questionnaire link from equity@ualberta.ca 1-2 weeks after the job posting closing date. The survey will be sent to the email address that is listed on the application. Please be sure to check the spam box. Please do not forward the link as it is unique to the email address. For any questions or concerns, please contact equity@ualberta.ca.
    1. NB: The University of Alberta must collect self-identification data from all applicants as part of its participation in the CRC Program. This data is used to ensure that the institution is progressing towards meeting its EDI targets as set by Ottawa.
2. Submit a current CV, including an up to two-page description of the proposed CRC research program by clicking the "Apply Online" button below by December 2, 2026.

Questions about this competition should be sent electronically to Afsaneh Lavasanifar, Associate Dean Research and Graduate Studies, afsaneh@ualberta.ca.

Questions about the CRC Program can be directed to Glen Thomas, CRC Coordinator and Advisor, crcadmin@ualberta.ca.

Applicants who require an accessibility arrangement for their application, interview, and/or subsequent recruitment

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meetings can contact Christine Rimell at christine.rimell@ualberta.ca to arrange appropriate accommodations.

The terms and conditions of this appointment are governed by Schedule A of the collective agreement between the Board of Governors of the University of Alberta and the Association of Academic Staff of the University of Alberta.

This role is subject to the Tri-Agency Policy on Indigenous Citizenship and Membership Affirmation, which includes a two-stage affirmation process. Should you affirm your First Nation, Métis, or Inuit citizenship or membership, you will be required to participate in a document verification process and asked to submit supporting documentation confirming citizenship, membership, or the right to be registered as such in an Indigenous collective in Canada, prior to nomination if you are deemed meritorious for the opportunity. Such an affirmation is optional and not a prerequisite for consideration for this opportunity.

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ABOUT THE TEAM

The Faculty of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences offers one of Canada's top-ranked PharmD programs, along with a suite of postgraduate opportunities. Serving approximately 650 students annually, the faculty integrates research, teaching, and clinical practice to prepare future pharmacists and pharmaceutical scientists for leadership in healthcare and drug development.

ABOUT UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA

The University of Alberta, its buildings, labs and research stations are primarily located on the territory of Néhiyaw (Cree), Niitsitapi (Blackfoot), Métis, Nakoda (Stoney), Dene, Haudenosaunee (Iroquois) and Anishinaabe (Ojibway/Saulteaux), lands that are now known as part of Treaties 6, 7 and 8 and homeland of the Métis. The University of Alberta respects the sovereignty, lands, histories, languages, knowledge systems and cultures of all First Nations, Métis, and Inuit.

The University of Alberta is a community of knowledge seekers, change makers and world shapers who lead with purpose each and every day. We are home to over 14,000

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faculty and staff, more than 40,000 students and a growing community of 300,000 alumni worldwide.

Your work will have a meaningful influence on a fascinating cross-section of people - from our students and community members, to our renowned researchers and innovators, making discoveries and generating solutions that make the world healthier, safer, stronger and more just. Learn more.

At the University of Alberta, we are committed to creating an inclusive and accessible hiring process for all candidates. If you require accommodations to participate in the interview process, please let us know at the time of booking your interview and we will make every effort to accommodate your needs.

We thank all applicants for their interest; however, only those individuals selected for an interview will be contacted.

All University employees have a responsibility to foster a workplace that prioritizes safety in all its forms—physical, cultural, and psychological. This is achieved by promoting a safe environment, adhering to all safety laws, policies and procedures, completing all required safety training, identifying hazards and implementing controls, reporting incidents, and contributing to a culture of belonging and respect, while endeavoring to ensure that all colleagues feel valued and safe to express their thoughts, perspectives and concerns.

The University of Alberta is committed to creating a university community where everyone feels valued, barriers to success are removed, and thriving connections are fostered. We welcome applications from all qualified persons. We encourage women, First Nations, Métis and Inuit persons, members of visible minority groups, persons with disabilities, persons of any sexual orientation or gender identity and expression, and all those who may contribute to the further diversification of ideas and the University to apply.

L'Université de l'Alberta s'engage à créer une communauté universitaire où chaque personne se sent valorisée, où les obstacles à la réussite sont éliminés et où des connexions enrichissantes peuvent se développer. Nous accueillons les demandes de toutes les personnes qualifiées. Nous encourageons les femmes; Premières nations, Métis et Inuits; membres des groupes minoritaires visibles; personnes handicapées; personnes de toute orientation sexuelle ou identité et expression de genre; et toutes les personnes qui peuvent contribuer à la diversification des idées et à l'université à postuler.

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