Posting Title: Canada Impact+ Research Chairs

Description:

The Canada Impact+ Research Chairs program is a one-time initiative designed to support institutions in attracting world-leading researchers to address critical national and global challenges. The program offers eligible institutions the opportunity to nominate internationally renowned scholars and scientists as chairholders in areas of strategic importance to Canada. Only candidates who are internationally based (both working and residing outside of Canada) at the time of the first intake application are eligible to apply.

The Impact+ program emphasizes both research excellence and tangible impact. Impact+ Chairs will receive long-term funding and institutional supports that advance ambitious and transformative projects in Canada's strategic priority areas, build and maintain exceptional research teams, and collaborate with partners across sectors and borders. Impact+ chairholders will drive the translation of discoveries into applications, commercialization and social and economic benefits for Canada and the world, and develop the next generation of highly qualified personnel.

The Hospital for Sick Children invites applications for a Senior Scientist to advance transformational research programs that support the growth of the Canadian economy in one or more of the strategic priority areas established by the Government of Canada. The nominee's research area must demonstrably align with one or more of the strategic priority areas, the area of Health, including biotechnology, is most strongly aligned with SickKids. Two maximum awards values are available: $1 million per year or $500K per year, for 8 years.

The successful candidate will be appointed as a Senior Scientist in the SickKids Research Institute with an anticipated start date between September 2026 and July 2027. Some positions may be cross-appointed at an affiliated Toronto Academic Health Science Network institution (TAHSN) with an academic appointment to an appropriate University of Toronto department/unit.

Successful candidates will have an established, excellent, innovative and internationally recognized research trajectory and an outstanding, independent, externally funded research program. The candidate's record of excellence in research should be demonstrated by a record of significant, sustained contributions and publications in top-ranked and field-relevant academic journals and internationally ranked presses,

participation in professional associations through conference presentations and service work, obtaining competitive funding sources, and strong endorsements by referees of high standing. In keeping with the program's objectives of research excellence and impact, successful candidates will have a strong record of research impact, including research translation, mobilization, and application with concrete economic and/or social benefits for a range of end users and stakeholders. The candidate will have a demonstrated record and experience as an effective supervisor and mentor of graduate students and post-doctoral fellows. Evidence of excellence in teaching will be demonstrated through teaching accomplishments (including supervision of MSc and PhD students)

SickKids has been named by Newsweek and Statista as the best children's health-care centre in the world for 2026, topping the list of 250 children's hospitals globally. The SickKids Research Institute is Canada's largest, hospital-based child health research institute and our commitment is to improve the health of children, here in Canada and in the global community. The position is expected to include a cross appointment in a relevant department at The University of Toronto (UofT), offering a unique environment for medical science discoveries, with nine teaching and research hospitals in close proximity.

The rank and salary will be commensurate with qualifications and experience.

Expatriate Canadians wishing to relocate to Canada are encouraged to apply.

All qualified applicants should e-mail their application (Curriculum Vitae, detailed research plan, leadership experience and vision, and equity, diversity and inclusion statement) in PDF format, to impactpluschair@sickkids.ca by the close of the search on February 12 , 2026. Please consolidate all materials into a single PDF file and include your full name in subject line. Applicants must also arrange to have three signed letters of reference on institutional letterhead sent directly to impactpluschair@sickkids.ca indicating the applicant's name in the subject line. Review of applications will begin February 12th, and applicants should endeavor to have all required materials submitted by this date. The Hospital for Sick Children recognizes that scholars have varying career paths and that career interruptions due to personal circumstances can be part of an excellent academic record. Candidates are encouraged to explain any personal circumstances to allow for a fair assessment of their application.

If you have questions about the Impact+ Reseach Chair nomination process at SickKids, please contact impactpluschair@sickkids.ca

SickKids is strongly committed to diversity within its community and especially welcomes applications from racialized persons, persons of colour, women, Indigenous/Aboriginal

Peoples of North America, persons with disability, 2SLGBTQIA+persons, and others who may contribute to the further diversification of ideas. If requested, SickKids is proud to make available accommodations to support applicants with disabilities during the interview and assessment process. Informed by the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA), the Ontario Human Rights Code, and our Access and Accommodation Policy, we will accommodate the needs of applicants. Please email faculty.office@sickkids.ca of your accessibility needs during the recruitment process. Information received relating to accommodation will be addressed confidentially. The Hospital for Sick Children also recognizes that scholars have varying career paths. Candidates are encouraged to explain any personal circumstances to allow for a fair assessment of their application. As part of the application process, you will be asked to complete a brief voluntary diversity survey. Any information directly related to you is confidential and cannot be accessed by either the search committee or human resources staff. Results will be aggregated for institutional planning purposes. The self-identification information is collected, used, disclosed, retained and disposed of in accordance with the Privacy Act and the Access to Information Act.

As part of the application process, you will be asked to complete a brief Diversity Survey. While voluntary, applicants are encouraged to self-identify in any of the designated groups, where applicable. All information provided in the survey will remain confidential and inaccessible to review committees or human resources staff.

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