

# Proposal for Internal Research Chairs Program

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# Context for Internal Research Chairs Proposal

- University Academic plan identifies the “*intensification of research*” as a primary objective for York.
- Successful intensification of research, scholarship and creative activity depends on the presence of a suite of resources accessible to researchers
  - In different fields
  - At different stages of career
  - With different kinds of projects at different stages of development
- External Environment
  - Research intensive Universities in Canada target research chairs and professorships for upwards of 10% of full time faculty
- Research Chairs at York
  - Over 1400 faculty
  - 28 endowed chairs
  - 31 Canada Research Chairs

-5 Externally Funded Research Chairs

-4 Research Salary Awards



# Building the tool box of research supports

- Seed funds:
  - Start up funds
  - CFI Leaders opportunity funds
  - York Incentive Grants
  - York Seminar for Advanced Research funding
  - SSHRC small grants
  - Faculty seed funds
  - VPRI and Faculty contributions to various research events and activities (workshops, conferences etc.)
  
- Travel Funds
  - York
    - Faculty based programs and ad hoc
  - SSHRC grants in aid of travel



# Building the tool box of research supports

- Research supports to individuals:
  - Research officer supports
  - Community of Science funding database (PIVOT)
  - Faculty research offices
  - Research services supports to individuals
  - Internal peer review and mentorship
  - Knowledge mobilization and research commercialization supports
  - Matching funds and development support for early researcher awards
  - Nomination supports for research prizes and awards

# Building the tool box of research supports

- Research services in support of groups
  - Research Directors and Research officers
  - Strategic Research Programs Group in RSO
  - Internal peer review of large scale projects through SPORT
  - External peer review as beneficial
  - Matching funding, student support and teaching release
  - Support in building community partnerships and developing external contributions to research projects
  - Support of Research Institutes and Centers

# Supporting the Development of Research

- Providing time and recognition for research
  - Research related teaching release program
  - Release associated with leadership of large collaborative projects
  - Release for ORU Directors
  - Endowed Research Chairs and Professorships
  - Canada Research Chairs
  - **Internal Term Research Chairs Program (York Research Chairs)**
  - Distinguished Research Professorships

# York Research Chairs (Proposal)

- To develop an internal research chairs program that mirrors the Canada Research Chairs program and builds on world-renowned research across the institution
- Proposed YRCs
  - Two Tiers I, II
  - Supports
    - Minor Research Grant
    - Teaching release/expectations
  - Awarded competitively based on criteria of excellence in research and scholarship, and contributions to research leadership



# York Research Chairs (Proposal)

- Complementation of YRCs and CRCs

- YRCs

- Tier I five years renewable based on open competition
- Tier II, fifteen years post first academic appointment
- Focused internally

- CRCs

- Tier I, seven years renewable
- Tier II, ten years post highest degree
- Focused externally and aligned strategically



# York Research Chairs (Proposal)

- Initial rollout: 20 Chairs subsidized centrally through VPRI
  - 4 Chairs per year over 5 years
  - Nomination made according to Faculty processes
  - Final internal recommendation to President from the VPRI in consultation with the Provost
- Potential for Faculties to develop additional, unsubsidized, YRCs based on the availability of funding
- YRCs will be distributed broadly to support research in all areas and disciplines

# York Research Chairs (Proposal)

## ➤ Benefits of Chairs (aligned with CRC)

### Tier I

-Minor research grant of \$25,000

### Tier II

-Minor research grant of \$20,000

-Teaching release equivalent to 50% of the normal teaching load in their home Faculty, with minimum load of 1.0

## ➤ Financing of Chairs

-Minor research grant 100% covered through VPRI yrs. 1-5

-Yrs. 6+ minor research grant subsidized by VPRI



