With the launch of the 2016-2021 strategic plan, the Faculty of Medicine is looking to nominate one faculty member for a Tier 1 CRC chair in the area of Computational Genomics with the following goals in mind:

- **Goal 1**: Provide continuing leadership in Computational Genomics;
- **Goal 2**: Direct an internationally recognized program in Computational Genomics that spans multiple disciplines;
- **Goal 3**: Encourage innovation and initiatives in new frontiers of research;
- **Goal 4**: Advance research that fosters innovation, creates knowledge, and translates discoveries to improve health practices, policies and outcomes; and
- **Goal 5**: Balance leadership across all Research Priorities, platforms and themes as outlined in the Faculty of Medicine's 2016-2021 strategic plan.

A named candidate is required for this competition. This nomination is expected to go forward in the Fall 2018 national CRC competition round.

Tier 1 Chairs are tenable for seven years and renewable once. These chairs are for outstanding researchers acknowledged by their peers as world leaders in their fields. For each Tier 1 chair, the institution receives $200,000 annually for seven years. Specifically, this chair holder is expected to:

i. be an outstanding and innovative researcher whose accomplishments have made a major impact in their field(s);

ii. be recognized internationally as a leader in their field;

iii. have a superior record of attracting and supervising graduate students and postdoctoral fellows (taking into account the relevant field or discipline) and, as a chair holder, be expected to attract excellent trainees, students and future researchers;

iv. propose an original, innovative research program of the highest quality.

Process

- All nominations will need to be in the area of Computational Genomics and demonstrate alignment with UBC and Faculty of Medicine’s strategic plans with a focus on this priority area, taking into account the platforms and themes outlined in the Strategic Research Plans.
- Applications may come from research across priorities/platforms/themes.
- Applications will be accepted from Centres and research clusters for candidates but will need to be partnered and supported by a home department/school where the CRC will reside.
- Departments/Schools may also submit candidates independently of Centres/research clusters as appropriate.
• Nominating Departments are expected to sustain the nominee after the completion of the CRC Term(s).
• Nominations will be reviewed by a committee of peers who will make a recommendation to the Dean.

CRC Application*

*Please Note: Only the CRC Application (Research Project Summary, Application, CV & Attachments, and Letters of Reference**) is required for the Internal FoM Competition Deadline

**The letters of reference (addressed to the CRC secretariat) must be sent directly to the Faculty of Medicine to jucer.kakal@ubc.ca

Research Project Summary

Provide a 100 word summary, written in lay language, describing the uniqueness and importance of the proposed research program. This summary may be used for publicity purposes.

Application

The CRC application is comprised of 3 sections:

1. Quality of the Nominee (maximum 1 page - written by the Department/Centre/Institute, third person)
2. Description of the proposed research program (maximum six pages excluding a) executive summary and f) list of references (total 8 pages) – written by the nominee (first person))
   a. Executive summary (100 words maximum, on a separate page)
   b. Context
   c. Methodology
   d. Engagement with research users and communication of results
   e. Description of proposed training strategies
   f. List of references (maximum one page, on a separate page)
3. Quality of the Institutional Environment, the Institutional Commitment, and the Fit of the Proposed Chair with the University’s Strategic Research Plan (maximum 6 pages - written by the Department/School, third person)

As per the objectives of the Faculty of Medicine’s Strategic Plan and CRC’s efforts to promote Equity, Diversity and Inclusivity (EDI), applicants must include a plan that outlines how they intend to achieve EDI objectives within their research group and across UBC as a CRC Tier 1 chairholder.

CV and Attachments

The CV must include Contact information, Areas of Expertise, Academic Background, Experience (academic, research, professional and industrial) Research Funding/Support, and attachments outlined under the CV attachments section in the following template:

Faculty of Medicine 2018 CRC Competition - CV template
Please Note: The final CV must be created in the CRC portal. The template above is provided as a guideline and provides the breakdown for the CV Attachments, which must be submitted separately.

Letters of Reference


For Tier 1 nominations all three letters must be from established authorities in the field. One letter must be from an international authority in the field, i.e., a recognized authority in the nominee’s field who does not reside in the country in which the nominee is currently working. Letters in support of Tier 1 nominations should emphasize the international stature of the nominee, the specific impacts of their research, the broader value of their research contributions, and HQP.

*Referees must not be in a conflict of interest with the nominee. It is the responsibility for the nominee to ensure that no Conflict of Interest exists.

CRC Internal Application Package Presentation Instructions

This Faculty of Medicine competition will closely follow the CRC National Program guidelines and criteria (12 point font, 2cm margins, single spaced text (max 6 lines per inch) on 8.5" X 11" paper).

Nominees or Nominators must submit the CRC application package as a PDF file to juzer.kakal@ubc.ca with the following file naming convention:

LASTNAME_First Initials - FoMCRC2018-T1.pdf

The letters of reference (addressed to the CRC secretariat) must be sent directly to the Faculty of Medicine to juzer.kakal@utc.ca

Contact

If you have any questions, please contact Juzer Kakal, Strategic Programs Officer