Canada Excellence Research Chair  
Call for Theme Area(s)

*Use this template to respond to the internal call for Canada Excellence Research Chair (CERC) Call for Theme Areas.* ***Applicants are reminded to write for a multidisciplinary audience as not all reviewers may be familiar with the proposed research area.***

***Page limits.*** *Page limits are not indicated for individual questions. You may provide as much or as little information to answer the questions as you like. Overall, the proposal must not exceed 6 pages.*

**OVERVIEW**

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| Proposed thematic area title |  |
| Lead Faculty/School |  |
| Collaborating Departments/Faculties/Schools |  |
| Primary contact for theme submission |  |

**PROPOSED THEMATIC AREA**

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| **Description of proposed theme area**  The thematic area should be innovative, compelling, and focus on an area of strategic importance and research strength with one or more academic units (i.e., Department, Faculty or School). |
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| Discuss how a CERC in this area would enhance and accelerate the Department/Faculty/School’s scholarly performance through collaborative and synergistic activity. Include details on how the proposed CERC would nurture cross-unit research and scholarly activity. |
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| What will be the value add of the proposed Chair to the University’s research profile? The discussion should include details on the University’s research strengths and international reputation in the proposed area. |
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| What are the plans to leverage additional resources to promote knowledge mobilization and translation through partnerships with the private and public sectors, other academic institutions, not-for-profit, and/or philanthropic organizations. |
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**STRATEGIC ALIGNMENT**

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| **Alignment with CERC program objectives**  Describe how the thematic area will address the [CERC program objectives](https://www.cerc.gc.ca/program-programme/cpan-pccs-eng.aspx). |
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| **Alignment with Government of Canada’s Science, Technology and Innovation Priorities**  CERC Chairs are awarded in priority areas established by the Government of Canada. Provide details on how the thematic area will advance one or more of the [ST&I priorities](https://www.cerc.gc.ca/program-programme/priority_areas-domaines_prioritaires-eng.aspx). |
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**INSTITUTIONAL SUPPORT**

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| What is the Department and Faculty/School’s commitment and strategies for supporting the proposed chair with onboarding, mentoring, start-up funds, graduate assistantships, office space, research space, etc.? |
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| Outline plans to sustain the research advantage created by the proposed Chair after the Chair term ends, including retention of the Chair beyond the term of the award. |
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| Outline the EDI commitment for the proposed Chair. This could include details on the level of support provided to the Chairholder in helping to establish and sustain an equitable, diverse, and inclusive research team and environment. |
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**RECRUITMENT**

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| Provide details on the planned recruitment strategy, including a potential list of advertising venues (professional societies and associations) to reach a broad and diverse pool of candidates. |
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| Describe any anticipated challenges in the recruitment of candidates. |
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