



THE CANADA RESEARCH CHAIRS PROGRAM

The Canada Research Chairs Program is designed to attract and retain the best talent at Canadian universities. Canada Research Chairs are chosen from Canada and around the world, helping Canadian universities achieve research excellence in the health sciences, the natural sciences and engineering, and the social sciences and humanities. Since the program's launch in 2000, chairholders have improved Canada's reputation as a leader in research excellence, improved the quality of life of Canadians, and strengthened the country's international competitiveness and graduate training capabilities.

There are currently 1,796 Canada Research Chairs at 70 universities across Canada. Of these chairholders, almost 600 researchers were recruited from abroad, including 249 Canadian expatriates. For more information on the Canada Research Chairs Program, including a detailed research profile for each chairholder, please visit www.chairs-chaire.gc.ca.

DIVERSE EXPERTISE

The Canada Research Chairs Program invests \$300 million a year to attract and retain some of the most accomplished and promising researchers.

Our chairholders are a reliable, independent and respected source of information. Moreover, they help to expand the frontiers of knowledge as experts in a wide range of fields, from philosophy to chemistry to cancer research and every point in-between.

Their collective accomplishments are outstanding and varied, and have led to new patents, important discoveries, new products and treatments and new content, from traditional scholarly works to feature films.

A SUCCESSFUL PROGRAM

The Chairs program fosters a world-class research environment allowing Canada to compete effectively in today's global knowledge-based economy by:

- Helping Canadian postsecondary institutions attract and retain the best researchers and promote research excellence in the natural sciences and engineering, health sciences, and the social sciences and humanities;
- Providing accomplished researchers, as well as exceptional emerging ones, with the tools necessary to carry out cutting-edge research;

- Allowing the leading scientists and scholars who hold Canada Research Chair positions to provide students—the next generation of leaders—with first-rate education and training experiences;
- Promoting research excellence in a wide variety of emerging areas such as nanotechnology, nanomaterials, the regulation of information communications, and the development of non-invasive or computer-assisted surgical instruments, to name only a few; and
- Providing supplemental funding, from the Canada Foundation for Innovation, enabling Canada Research Chairs to equip their labs with cutting-edge infrastructure and equipment.

A SIGNIFICANT AND POSITIVE IMPACT ON UNIVERSITIES

- The program has enhanced Canadian universities' research capacity:
- The university community recognizes the prestige of the Chairs program and views it as a successful tool for recruitment and for enhancing universities' research capacity.
- The program is contributing to the brain gain:
- Since its début in 2000, the program has helped attract and retain top researchers from outside of Canada. Close to half of these have been Canadian expatriates coming back to Canada to assume a Canada Research Chair. A report released by the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada in October 2008 recognized that the Chairs program has been instrumental in attracting and retaining top researchers across a wide array of disciplines at Canadian universities.
- The program has drawn international recognition:
- Countries such as Australia and South Africa have launched similar programs and have reported that they were inspired by the "Made-in-Canada" solution to invigorating research and innovation.