



Nomination Process: from May 15 to August 22, 2025

Canada Excellence Research Chairs Competition

[The Canada Excellence Research Chairs \(CERC\) program](#), the most prestigious Canadian research chairs program, aims to attract internationally renowned researchers.

The Université du Québec à Montréal (UQAM) is looking for exceptional candidates interested in leading a CERC in one of Canada's five priority areas: [Healthy People and Populations](#).

The maximum annual funding UQAM can apply for in this highly competitive competition is \$1 million, or two awards of \$500,000, per year, for a duration of eight (8) years.

This call aligns with one of the six strategic directions of [UQAM's Strategic Plan](#), which pursues a dual objective : to transform health education and research to meet the needs of Quebec, and to foster the development of UQAM's new Faculty of Health Sciences, established in November 2024.

The candidate for a CERC is expected to:

- Be an outstanding, innovative world-class researcher, at any career stage, currently working outside Canada, whose achievements have a significant impact in the health field;
- Be an internationally recognized leader in his field;
- Demonstrate the ability to recruit and supervise graduate students and postdoctoral fellows;
- Demonstrate the ability to collaborate with researchers from various disciplines and to manage a research team;
- Demonstrate an experience in leading collaborative teams and the ability to develop partnerships with international researchers;
- Have access to cutting-edge infrastructure at UQAM that provides strong support for the project;

- Propose an original, innovative, high-quality research program in the health field.

The results of the competition for the Canada Excellence Research Chairs will be announced in January 2027, with the successful candidate expected to fill the position within the following 12 months.

Anyone interested in applying must submit a PDF application by email to cerc@uqam.ca, no later than August 22, 2025.

The application file must include the following documents:

- 1) A 2,500-character summary :
 - Outline the objectives of the proposed research program;
 - Summarize the research approach;
 - Highlight the originality and anticipated significance of her or his work in the health field.
- 2) A appointment document (maximum 6 pages; references may be included separately—see formatting guidelines below) presenting a research program that is original, innovative, and of high quality. It must include the following information:
 - Title of the CERC;
 - Description of the research program, including:
 - i. The explicit objectives of the research program;
 - ii. The significance and originality of the proposed research, as well as its expected contribution to the advancement of knowledge;
 - iii. Evidence of how the proposed research program is foundational within the field of health research;
 - Demonstration that the candidate has the potential to recruit, train, and retain excellent trainees, students, and postdoctoral fellows;
 - Demonstration of the ability to build partnerships and collaborate with other researchers.
- 3) Curriculum vitae detailing awarded grants, publications from the past five (5) years, and student supervisions (free format).
- 4) A presentation of the candidate's five most significant research contributions throughout their career. Explain their significance (maximum 2 pages).
- 5) Justification for any interruptions in research activities, if applicable (maximum 0.5 page). UQAM recognizes that life circumstances such as

illness, disability, family and community responsibilities (e.g., maternity leave, parental leave, leaves due to illness, leaves due to caring for family members, slowdowns due to chronic illness or disability, or COVID 19 impacts) are often an expected part of life and are likely to have an impact on a nominee's record of research achievement, and that these impacts will be taken into careful consideration during the assessment process;

The application document must comply with the following formatting standards:

- 8 ½" x 11" (216 mm x 279 mm);
- The font used for the body of the text must be Times New Roman 12-point or Arial 11-point;
- Margins (left, right, top, and bottom) must be set to at least ¾ inch (1.87 cm).

[This competition is part of the Canada Research Chairs Program's equity initiative.](#)

To achieve these objectives, UQAM has developed an [Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Action Plan](#).

UQAM promotes equity and is committed to ensuring the representation of underrepresented groups within its workforce. It welcomes applications from members of visible minorities, women, Indigenous peoples, persons with disabilities, individuals of all sexual orientations and gender identities, and anyone with the skills and knowledge needed to work effectively with diverse communities.

UQAM can provide accommodation measures to meet the needs of applicants with, for example, hearing impairments or limited mobility. Please contact Philippe Pierret (pierret.philippe@uqam.ca) for more information.

Individuals who self-identify as belonging to one or more of the above-mentioned groups are invited to complete a [self-identification form](#). Once completed, please return it to egalite@uqam.ca.

For more information:

About self-identification, please contact Evelyne McDuff (mcduff.evelyn@uqam.ca);
About eligibility for the competition or accessibility measures, please contact Philippe Pierret (pierret.philippe@uqam.ca)

For any other inquiries, contact cerc@uqam.ca.

Application Steps	
Call for applications	May 15, 2025
Submission of the letter of intent to cerc@ugam.ca	August 22, 2025
Processing and sending CERC files to the UQAM's Institutional Subcommittee for Canada Research Chairs	August 22 – Beginning of September
Evaluation by UQAM's Institutional Subcommittee for Canada Research Chairs	October 1, 2025
Candidate selection	October 2, 2025
Writing Steps	
Preparation of the application file with support from the Research and Creation Office and the team from the Vice-Rectorate for Research, Creation, and Dissemination	Starting October 2, 2025
Submission of the final application on the Convergence portal	March 11, 2026
Submission of the application to the Canada Excellence Research Chairs Program	March 18, 2026
Announcement of results	Winter 2027