

## New South Africa-Canada Research Chairs Initiative

### Sponsor

International Development Research Centre (IDRC) and the National Research Foundation (NRF) of South Africa

### Description

International Development Research Centre (IDRC) and the [National Research Foundation](#) [1] (NRF) of South Africa are pleased to announce two new research chair initiatives. They build on NRF's existing [South African Research Chairs Initiative](#) [2] (SARChI), as well as on the Industrial Research Chairs program, funded in part by the [Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada](#) [3] (NSERC) and the [Canada Research Chairs Program](#) [4] (CRCP).

Funded jointly by IDRC and NRF, these initiatives are expected to:

- create knowledge through world-class research in Africa on natural sciences and engineering (NSE) themes;
- build and reinforce sustainable research networks within Africa, and between Canada and Africa, to accelerate the production and uptake of new knowledge; and
- leverage existing research chairs in Canada and South Africa, and a second African country, in NSE fields.

### South Africa–Canada Research Chairs Trilateral Partnership Initiative

The South Africa–Canada Research Chairs Trilateral Partnership Initiative seeks to invest in the development of research in sub-Saharan Africa through the establishment of tri-lateral partnerships involving researchers from Canada, South Africa, and another sub-Saharan African country. This initiative builds on existing research capabilities, links, and common research interests in all three countries.

**Value and duration:** Up to two projects will each be awarded a maximum of CA \$900,000 over a period of up to five years.

**Eligibility:** Each project will consist of three co-principal investigators: one from South Africa (a SARChI chair); one from Canada (a Canada Research Chair or Industrial Research Chair); and a senior researcher from another country in Africa with a current NRF bilateral agreement, including Angola, Kenya, Mozambique, Namibia, Senegal, Tanzania, Uganda, and Zambia. All three researchers must be working in NSE fields.

### South Africa–Canada Research Chairs Mobility Initiative

This initiative seeks to invest in the development of research between these two countries through the establishment of a chair matching program between Canadian and South African research chair holders. This initiative will build capacity, foster knowledge translation, and develop new lines of research.

**Value and duration:** Up to six collaborations will each be awarded a maximum of CA\$40,000 (total for both partners) over a period of up to two years.

**Eligibility:** Each collaboration will consist of two co-principle investigators: one residing in South Africa (a current SARChI chair holder); and one residing in Canada (a Canada Research Chair or Industrial Research Chair holder). Both researchers must be working in NSE fields.

### Deadlines

**If College-level review is required, your College will communicate its earlier internal deadlines.**

Type	Date	Notes
<b>Internal Deadline</b>	Tuesday, January 24, 2017 - 4:30pm	Please submit a complete OR-5 form and copy of your application to <a href="mailto:research.services@uoguelph.ca">research.services@uoguelph.ca</a> [5].
<b>External Deadline</b>	Tuesday, February 7, 2017 - 4:30pm	More details regarding final submission will be available January 3, 2017.

### How to Apply

Calls for submissions will be launched on **January 3, 2017** and will close on **February 7, 2017**. Applications must be submitted by the SARChI Chair in South Africa. Applicants will be notified of the outcome in March 2017.

Full eligibility criteria is available from the [National Research Foundation Eligibility](#) [6] page.

Calls for proposals will be available from the [National Research Foundation Eligibility](#) [6] on January 3, 2017. IDRC will provide additional information at that time, including the final

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templates for applications.

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[1] <http://www.nrf.ac.za/>

[2] <http://www.nrf.ac.za/division/rcce/instruments/research-chairs>

[3] [http://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/index\\_eng.asp](http://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/index_eng.asp)

[4] <http://www.chairs-chaires.gc.ca/home-accueil-eng.aspx>

[5] <mailto:research.services@uoguelph.ca>

[6] <http://www.nrf.ac.za/division/funding/pre-call-announcement-south-africa-canada-chairs-initiative-sacri-natural-sciences>

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