The University of Alberta strategic pool of Canada Research Chairs (CRCs) is meant to advance institutional priorities and promote institutional success, while also responding to opportunities to lay the necessary foundations for building research success within and across individual Faculties. The criteria below were developed in cooperation with faculty deans (or delegates) from Arts, Rehabilitation Medicine, School of Public Health, and the Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry.

Selection Criteria for Allocation of Strategic Pool CRCs at UAlberta:

- Requests to nominate must demonstrate a clear and strong connection to institutional strategic priorities articulated in strategic documents such as For the Public Good, or captured by UAlberta’s Signature Areas of Research and Teaching. Requests may also identify alignment with relevant Faculty strategic plans.
- Requests to nominate must include a plan for a transparent, open, and equitable search process, and preference will normally be given to proposals that create opportunities for the selection of a candidate external to UAlberta who will bring new research strength and energy to UAlberta.
- Requests to nominate shall include a draft of the job posting as an appendix.
- The candidate search plan will include a commitment to advancing equity, diversity, and inclusion (EDI) for the CRC program at UAlberta. These Plans should speak to how the focus and character of the research program and the ways that collaboration, training, and team building will support longer-term EDI success. Faculties should also outline how they will support the inclusion of a new CRC.
- Requests to nominate should normally focus on identifying a nominee with an innovative research program that will develop a novel area of expertise to the UAlberta priorities and not merely expand upon existing expertise.
- Requests to nominate should clearly articulate the role of CRCs, particularly Tier 1 CRCs, as research leaders with strong collaborative, team building, and training orientations and a commitment to attracting additional research operating and research infrastructure funding.
- Requests to nominate should include a commitment of appropriate Faculty resources to support the chairholder’s research program and ensure its success and sustainability.
- Requests to nominate that enhance the disciplinary diversity of UAlberta CRCs will be considered favourably.