

Call for Applications

CANADA IMPACT+ RESEARCH CHAIR (CI+RC) IN NANOSTRUCTURED MATERIALS

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Closing date: March 15th 2026

The preferred living environment at the heart of Quebec City, Université Laval is a major comprehensive university recognized for its culture of excellence in teaching and research. The Department of Chemistry at Université Laval stands out for the quality of its teaching, the strength of its research, and the richness of its collaborations. It offers rigorous and diversified training supported by a highly committed faculty and specialized technical staff, and state-of-the-art infrastructure. Designed to foster active learning and the development of practical skills, its programs prepare students to tackle today's major scientific challenges.

The person selected by the Nomination Committee must successfully pass an internal selection at Université Laval as well as the national selection as part of the Canada Impact+ Research Chair competition. This posting could also be used to select applications for the Canada Excellence Research Chairs or Tier 1 Canada Research Chairs competitions. For more information on the program and eligibility criteria, please visit the [Canada Impact+ Research Chairs website](#).

The successful candidate will receive:

- a full professor position;
- \$8 million over 8 years (\$1 million/year) in funding from the CI+RC Program including chairholder's salary and overhead;
- possibility to apply for an equipment grant from the Canada Foundation for Innovation (CFI) to equip its laboratory ;
- competitive and attractive start-up funds;
- A competitive salary package, including base salary, employee benefits, and recruitment incentives.

Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Statement

Université Laval rejects all forms of discrimination, promotes excellence in research and research training, and guarantees equal opportunity for all candidates. We support the principle that excellence and equity are compatible and complementary. We welcome and encourage applications from racialized people, visible minorities, women, Indigenous Peoples (in Canada), people with disabilities, ethnic minorities, 2SLGBTQ+ communities, and all qualified individuals with the skills and knowledge to engage productively with diverse communities.

By choosing Université Laval, you will benefit from the following integration measures:

- welcome days for new professors
- peer mentoring

- free French courses for you and your spouse
- support for settling in Quebec City and job search assistance for your spouse.

Career Interruption and Special Circumstances

Université Laval acknowledges that career interruption and special circumstances (e.g., maternity or parental leave, leave for prolonged illness, clinical training, care for a family member, the COVID-19 pandemic) as well as a disability may influence productivity and contributions in research. Applicants are invited to explain, as appropriate and if they wish so, these effects, so that they are considered in the assessment of their applications.

Accommodation

In complete confidentiality, accommodation can be offered to candidates according to their needs in this competition, including accessibility. If you need accommodation, we invite you to contact the equity officer using contact information below.

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Job Description The Department of Chemistry is seeking a candidate with strong research expertise in the field of nanostructured materials chemistry, along with relevant teaching experience. The selected candidate will be expected to develop an innovative, well-funded research program that complements the strengths of our existing activities. The selected candidate will also have the opportunity to contribute to teaching within the department's programs at all three academic levels.

Requirements

Applicants must meet the [CI+RC eligibility requirements](#). They must be full professors or associate professors who are close to obtaining tenure. Applicants from outside academia must have the necessary qualifications to be nominated at these levels.

Université Laval requires candidates to hold a PhD in chemistry or in a discipline relevant to the research area targeted by this position. They must demonstrate recognized scientific expertise and substantial experience in the chemistry of nanostructured materials, applied in areas that may include, but are not limited to, health, energy, water quality, the environment, or smart nanotechnology. Other emerging or related fields may also be considered. Candidates must additionally show clear evidence of excellence in securing competitive research funding and producing scientific work of international caliber. They must demonstrate the ability to conduct autonomous, original, and transdisciplinary research in collaboration with a variety of partners.

Université Laval will provide the selected candidate with structured support for the development and visibility of their research program, particularly in preparing and submitting major funding applications (e.g., Horizon Europe, the NFRF Transformation or

International competitions, the Canada Foundation for Innovation, etc.). The institution has recently obtained “lead institution” status for Horizon Europe projects and has established specialized infrastructure dedicated to the preparation, coordination, and administrative support of these initiatives, which require substantial expertise to manage.

The full application package must include:

- *a cover letter (1 page)*
- *a detailed curriculum vitae*
- *a research program proposal, including a section on the knowledge mobilization strategy (5 pages)*
- *the contact information of three people who can provide references for the candidate*
- *the [Université Laval Self Identification Form](#)*

The application must be sent to doyen@fsg.ulaval.ca

Competition Stages and Evaluation Criteria

1. Competition Stages and Submission Deadlines (Intake 1 of the CI+CR competition)

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| Full application deadline | March 15th 2026 |
| Results announcement | April 15th 2026 |
| Application deadline at VPR Office | February 24, 2026 |
| Final results announcement | Before March 10, 2026 |
| Full application deadline at CI+RC Program | March 24, 2026 |
| CI+RC Program results announcement | June 2026 |

2. Evaluation #1

A Nomination Committee, at the faculty and department level, selects one application based on the following criteria and sub-criteria:

<https://www.canada.ca/fr/chaieres-impact-plus/renseignements-sur-le-programme/concours/2026/criteres-evaluation.html>

The selection committee is composed of three professors and chaired by the director of the Department of Chemistry. In addition, an institutional equity officer will participate in the meetings to ensure that the evaluation process complies with equity standards. All committee members receive clear instructions regarding their role, the expected definition of excellence, and the impact of career interruptions or slowdowns on the assessment of applications. Members must also complete training on unconscious bias and peer evaluation.

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3. Evaluation #2 at Vice-President Research (VPR) Office

The application of the selected candidate will be sent to the VPR Office for a final internal selection according to the [selection criteria of the CI+RC Program](#).

Starting Date : up to 12 months following the Program results announcement.

Contacts

Application call process

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Questions related to EDI principles

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