

Canada Research Chairs Program: Transparency Statement

The University of Northern British Columbia (UNBC) intends to use the emergency retention mechanism to nominate one of its faculty members for an NSERC Tier 2 Canada Research Chair. The Research Chair Appointment Selection Committee, through a competitive process, has allocated an NSERC Tier 2 to the Faculty of Science and Engineering. This CRC appointment aligns with UNBC READY: Research Roadmap 2025-2030, specifically, the research program aligns with the strategic research areas “Climate Action, Sustainable Environments, and Natural Resources,” as well as “Science and Technology,” as it aims to develop advanced geomechanics science and tools for sustainable resource development and mitigation of geohazards impact on environments. The nominee is an exceptional early career researcher, having already established a productive research program in resource geotechnics that addresses efficiency in resource extraction and mitigation of geohazards, that directly supports northern BC and beyond.

UNBC is not currently meeting its December 2025 equity targets. UNBC recognizes the importance of ensuring the representation of equity groups among Chairholders across the University. This appointment will address the underrepresentation of equity deserving groups amongst Chairholders at UNBC.

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