



**Call for Expressions of Interest**  
for  
**UARctic Chairs**

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UARctic calls on its members to come forward with expressions of interest to nominate and host a UARctic Chair.

**The purpose of this call is to identify potential candidates supported by a host to serve as UARctic Chairs**

The new call is intended to complement and further widen the collective expertise and focus of the present UARctic Chairs <https://www.uarctic.org/activities/chairs>.

The call for expression of interest is intended to allow UARctic members to have a simple initial step towards the appointment of new UARctic Chairs. An expression of interest can come from a department leader or similar at a UARctic member institution. For candidates that get recommended in the evaluation of candidates, the host institution will need to submit a formal nomination from the proposing institution(s) / organization(s). The final step is the selection of UARctic Chairs by the Board of UARctic in fall 2024.

UARctic Chairs are highly qualified academics who by the UARctic appointment are given an opportunity to serve as academic drivers in their area of expertise to the benefit of the Arctic at large. These UARctic Chairs will be funded by the nominating UARctic member institution(s) / organization(s) and UARctic expect them to be able to spend 20% of their time to their UARctic role and have a home institution funded travel budget for minimum two international travels annually. A Chair will continue to spend most of their time as leads in their existing area of work in their home institutions. Each chair will be appointed for a period of five years, with the possibility of renewal.

Chairs will develop research and/or education cooperation and competence building in different knowledge systems. This may include undergraduate, graduate, PhD and postdoctoral training, as well as building partnerships with the broader Arctic community. UARctic Chairs will devote a small portion of their time as strategic leads and advisors for UARctic, support in evaluations, and represent UARctic in relevant international fora.

UARctic also welcomes Indigenous Knowledge Chairs and proposals for UARctic Emeritus Chairs, supported by a member. For these categories the terms and requirements listed above may be adjusted in dialogue with UARctic.

## Submissions and Questions

Member Institutions as well as departments of member institutions may submit Expressions of Interest. An Expression of Interest should include:

1. Nomination letter with an outline of the topic or field of knowledge/expertise of a potential chair. If a shared nomination by two or more institutions, the role distribution should be clarified.
2. Name, title, CV and information on formal positions held by the Chair candidate.
3. A short biography
4. Motivation statement from the Chair candidate.

After initial evaluation (spring 2024) the final submission shall include the above plus;

5. A document demonstrating the institutional plan to support the candidate with time and travel funding.
6. A formal support letter from the institution (from university leadership, Rector, Dean as appropriate with right to commit)

Evaluation criteria include: Chairs are expected to document full professor or equivalent competency and have potential to build international cooperation and development in their field of interest. Further, UArctic will consider the total set of Chairs and prioritize candidates that can expand on, and complement present set of competencies. Solid support from the host institution will also be given weight. Candidates for the category of Emeritus Chairs will be considered based on their ability to support younger generations of academic leaders. Indigenous Knowledge Chairs, nominated based on their Indigenous Knowledge, will be evaluated by the UArctic Indigenous Advisory Board.

Expressions of Interest are to be sent to [research@uarctic.org](mailto:research@uarctic.org) before May 15th, 2024

General questions about the nomination process and inquiries about the UArctic Chairs can be sent to the same address.

Thank you for your attention and interest,



Lars Kullerud UArctic President

**Process Outline:** *There will be a regular process opening for new UArctic Chairs approximately every two years.*

- 1. The initial phase is the Expressions of Interest (deadline May 15, 2024).*
- 2. Evaluation of Expressions of Interest.*
- 3. Response to proposers (June 2024).*
- 4. Selected Expressions of Interest are invited to submit Full proposals, which should come from the head of an institution (deadline end August, 2024).*
- 5. Evaluation phase.*
- 6. Final decision: (early November 2024)*
- 7. Formalization of agreements between host and UArctic (November - December 2024)*

Please refer to the

[UArctic Chairs - Terms of Reference](#) for full details on the role, duties, criteria, and selection process of UArctic Chairs.