

Annual Report 2012/13

Senate Research Committee

The Senate Research Committee had a busy and productive year accomplishing the tasks assigned as outlined in the committee Terms of Reference. In the following paragraphs I have provided some of the highlights.

In two rounds of internal funding competitions, respectively held October 2012 and May 2013, the NSERC/CIHR and SSHRC/CIHR sub-committees reviewed a total of 95 applications and allocated internal research funding to approximately 65 faculty members. Included in these internal funding rounds, the committee reviewed faculty Leave/Non Leave applications, Conference Travel grant requests, Research Development fund applications, as well as Publication and Visiting Scholar grant requests.

As of this fall, the first round of internal funding competitions scheduled for October 2013, faculty members will now be able to apply directly on-line. The sub-committees of the Senate Research Committee reviewed all application forms along with the corresponding guidelines to prepare them for uploading to the ROMEO database which was acquired by the Office of Research Services. In addition to this new application process, it was the decision of the 2012/13 Senate Research Committee to combine all available funding, and in doing so, has revised its program categories to be more inclusive of CIHR eligible faculty.

Each year the Senate Research Committee reviews nominations received for both the Distinguished Researcher and Contribution to Research Awards (nominations due November 30th and May 15th respectively). Each of the three tri-council areas is eligible for nomination. This year one NSERC and one SSHRC Distinguished Researcher Award recipient was chosen, but regrettably there were no nominations received in the CIHR category. Contribution to Research Award nominations were reviewed resulting in one nomination which was chosen as a successful recipient for the award. Successful nominees are presented with their awards by the Chair of the Senate Research Committee during the subsequent Research & Innovation Week Awards Reception which is normally held in February.

When required, the committee is also responsible for the review of CFI-LOF, NOHFC Internship, Early Researcher and any other such competition applications as requested by the Office of Research Services.

The Chair of the Senate Research Committee is an active member of the Presidential Advisory Committee on Canada Research Chair Nominations, and as such participated in meetings as required. The Chair also attended the Opening and Closing ceremonies of Research & Innovation Week 2013 and the joint Board/Senate Social where the value of university research was emphasized to members of the Board of Governors.

Respectfully submitted by,
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Senate Research Committee 2012/13