

MEMORANDUM

To: Barbara H. Eccles
University Secretary

From: Dr. Maria Grazia Viola
Chair, Senate Research Committee 2017/2018

Senate Meeting Date: Monday, September 18, 2017

Subject: Senate Research Committee Annual Report 2016/17

I am pleased to submit the 2016-2017 Annual Report on behalf of the Senate Research Committee (SRC). Please note that this Annual Report is being submitted in September since the SRC's work had not wrapped up before the last Senate meeting in the spring. On behalf of Connie Russell, the 2016/2017 SRC Chair, I would like to thank the SRC committee members for their work, particularly those on the Working Group and the Tri-Council Sub-Committees. Below are the highlights of the work undertaken in the 2016/2017 academic year.

Terms of Reference

The SRC worked on its Terms of Reference over the year in consultation with the Senate Organization Committee. The revised document was submitted to Senate Organization in May 2017 and will be reviewed by that committee in the fall.

Sub-Committee Reorganization

Historically, the SRC had two sub-committees (NSERC and SSHRC) for reviewing applications (e.g., Research Development Fund, Publication Assistance, Visiting Scholar Grant). In 2014, the SRC's structure was changed to ensure equitable Tri-Council representation by adding CIHR members to the SRC and dividing CIHR applications between the two existing subcommittees: NSERC/CIHR and SSHRC/CIHR. After evaluating the efficacy of this structure, the SRC agreed to move to three subcommittees (CIHR, NSERC, SSHRC) to further improve the reviewing process and ease subcommittee workload. The first applications adjudicated in this way were the spring conference travel grants. The SRC will monitor the efficacy of this structure over the next few years.

New Centre

The SRC recommended that the proposal for the new Centre for Innovation and Entrepreneurship Research (CIER) be approved.

Internal Research Funding Competitions

Competition	Fall 2016				Total Submitted	Total Awarded	Success Rate
	Awarded		Declined				
	NSERC /CIHR	SSHRC /CIHR	NSERC /CIHR	SSHRC /CIHR			
CTG	3	11	1	0	15	14	93%
LNL							n/a
PA							n/a
RDF							n/a
VSF							n/a
Total Awarded & Declined	3	11	1	0	15	14	93%

Competition	Winter & Spring 2017						Total Submitted	Total Awarded	Success Rate
	Awarded			Declined					
	NSERC	SSHRC	CIHR	NSERC	SSHRC	CIHR			
CTG	5	4	4	4	6	1	24	13	54%
LNL									n/a
PA	1	1					2	2	100%
RDF	7	7		5	3		22	14	64%
VSF		1					1	1	100%
Total Awarded & Declined	13	13	4	9	9	1	49	30	61%

Total 2016/2017 Competition	Total Submitted	Total Awarded	Success Rate
CTG	39	27	69%
LNL	0	0	n/a
PA	2	2	100%
RDF	22	14	64%
VSF	1	1	100%
Total Awarded & Declined	64	44	69%

Legend

CTG Conference Travel Grant
 LNL Leave Non-Leave
 PA Publication Assistance Fund
 RDF Research Development Fund
 VSF Visiting Scholar Fund

Internal Research Awards

The SRC reviewed one application for the **2016 Distinguished Researcher Awards** and made their recommendation to the Vice-President (Research and Innovation). The award was conferred during the Research and Innovation Week Awards of Excellence Reception on March 9, 2017 to:

- Wilson Wang, Mechanical Engineering

The SRC reviewed three applications for **2016 Contributions to Research Awards** and made their recommendation to the Vice-President (Research and Innovation). The awards were conferred during the Research and Innovation Week Awards of Excellence Reception on March 9, 2017 to:

- Jason Blahuta, Philosophy
- Pallavi Das, History
- Vicki Kristman, Health Sciences

Open Access Author Fund (Pilot)

The Open Access Author Fund was created to assist researchers with the costs connected with open access publishing. Some funding from the pilot was still available in 2016/2017, and there will be a small amount available in 2017/2018.

# Applications Reviewed in 2016/2017							
Competition	Open Call				Total Submitted	Total Awarded	Success Rate
	Awarded		Declined				
	NSERC/CIHR	SSHRC/CIHR	NSERC/CIHR	SSHRC/CIHR			
Open Access	0	1	2	1	4	1	25%

Sincerely,



Dr. Maria Grazia Viola
Chair, 2017-2018
Senate Research Committee