



MEMORANDUM

To: Barbara H. Eccles
Secretary of Senate

From: Dr. Constance Russell
Chair, Senate Research Committee 2016/2017

Senate Meeting Date: Monday, September 19, 2016

Subject: Senate Research Committee Annual Report 2015/2016

The Senate Research Committee had a busy year. On behalf of Elaine Wiersma, the 2015/2016 SRC Chair, I would like to thank the SRC committee members for their work, particularly those who sat on the Ad-Hoc Committee and Tri-Council Sub-Committees. Below are the highlights of the work undertaken in the 2015/2016 academic year.

Internal Research Funding Competitions

The various 2015/2016 internal funding competitions were held in October 2015, March 2016, and May 2016. The NSERC/CIHR and SSHRC/CIHR Sub-Committees reviewed 106 applications in total in 2015/2016.

# Applications Reviewed in 2015/2016											
Competition	Fall 2015				Total Reviewed	Winter & Spring 2016				Total Reviewed	Total Overall
	Awarded		Declined			Awarded		Declined			
	NSERC /CIHR	SSHRC /CIHR	NSERC /CIHR	SSHRC /CIHR		NSERC /CIHR	SSHRC /CIHR	NSERC /CIHR	SSHRC /CIHR		
CTG	8	7	0	0	15	9	25	2	2	38	53
LNL					-	1	0	0	0	1	1
PA	1	0	1	1	3	1	1	0	0	2	5
RDF	4	4	6	10	24	4	6	2	5	17	41
VSF	1	1	0	3	5	0	1	0	0	1	6
Total Awarded & Declined	14	12	7	14	47	15	33	4	7	59	106

Legend

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

The May 2015 funding competition was not reported in the 2014/2015 Annual Report to Senate given that the committee had not yet reviewed the applications at the time of the submission of that report. The NSERC/CIHR and SSHRC/CIHR Sub-Committees reviewed 103 applications in total in 2014/2015.

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CTG	2	13	0	3	18	4	12	6	20	42	60
LNL					-					-	-
PA					-	2	1	0	0	3	3
RDF	4	8	2	1	15	6	1	4	9	20	35
VSF					-	1	4	0	0	5	5
Total Awarded & Declined	6	21	2	4	33	13	18	10	20	70	103

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Internal Research Awards

The SRC reviewed three applications for the **2015 Distinguished Researcher 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 10, 2016 to:

NSERC/CIHR Dr. Baoqiang Liao, Department of Chemical Engineering
 SSHRC/CIHR Dr. Alexander Serenko, Faculty of Business

The SRC reviewed two applications for **2015 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 10, 2016 to:

SSHRC/CIHR Dr. Monica Flegel, Department of English
 SSHRC/CIHR Dr. Wayne Melville, Faculty of Education

Open Access Author Fund

The Open Access Author Fund was a pilot fund created to assist researchers with the costs connected with open access publishing. The fund provides up to \$2,500 per application. Some funding from the pilot is still available in 2016/2017, but ongoing funding has not been secured thus the program is under review.

# Applications Reviewed Since Fund Creation					
Competition	Open Call				Total Overall
	Awarded		Declined		
	NSE RC /CIHR	SSHRC /CIHR	NSERC /CIHR	SSHRC /CIHR	
Open Access	2	0	1	1	4

Additional Reviews

During 2015/2016, the Senate Research Committee also reviewed and ranked the following applications for Research Services: NOHFC Research Internship grants (June 2015); MRI Early Researcher Awards (August 2015); and NSERC Research Tools and Instruments grants (September 2015).

Senate Research Ad-Hoc Committee

The Ad-Hoc Committee was very active throughout the 2015/2016 academic year and over this spring and summer. Members reviewed the Strategic Research Priorities in the Academic Plan, the SRC Terms of Reference, and updated the guidelines for internal research funding and awards. They also were instrumental in developing the SRC's confidentiality and conflict of interest guidelines, revising the policy for Research Centres and Institutes, and working with the Library to explore opportunities for open access publishing and dissemination.

Romeo Research Portal

The Senate Research Committee has been actively working with Research Services to convert the paper application process to Romeo's online application process. Almost all internal research funding and award applications are now managed through the Romeo Research Portal. The Romeo system has also enabled the SRC to peer review applications online in one integrated system. Bonnie Knott in Research Services has been providing the SRC and researchers with training and support on the use of Romeo.

Strategic Research Planning

This coming year will be a particularly busy one for the SRC. In addition to the committee's regular duties, we will be working on the development of a new Strategic Research Plan with the Office of the Vice-President (Research and Innovation).

Sincerely,



Dr. Constance Russell
 Chair, 2016-2017
 Senate Research Committee