

FGSR Faculty Council Meeting

January 28, 2022 (originally scheduled Dec 2021)

Hosted by: Adam Sarty

*(Associate VP Research /
Dean of Grad Studies & Research)*

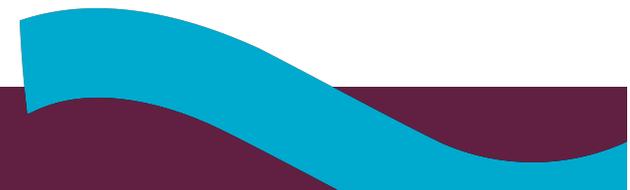
and the FGSR Research
Office team



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AGENDA

- Graduate Studies:
 - Review of Programs (including newly-approved and current ideas)
 - Updating some basic thesis committee/defence policies
 - REPORT: Graduate Studies Officer (applications, enrolments, internal/external scholarships)
 - Enrolment snapshots (last 3 years); Idea for reducing Int'l tuition in Research programs
- Research:
 - Recent SMU Results/Trends
 - Quick info/update notes from the Research Office:
 - new Research Agreements Policy (and FAQ page); Research Data Management; spending & hiring on your grant; research computing support
 - Strategic Research Plan renewal (2021-26):
soft-launch (full document & approval soon!) with some Actions starting now:
 - Research Advisory Committee (and re-structure/re-name existing FGSR Committees)
 - EDI info workshops and strategies
 - New approach to FGSR Internal Grants – starting April 2022
 - Canada Research Chair status update: coming Call to fill vacancy (per CRC EDI Action Plan)
 - Update on Faculty Web-Profile and CV tool (finally!)
 - REPORT: Office of Innovation and Community Engagement, CLARI
 - REPORT: Research Ethics Board update
- Any other items: Questions & Discussion



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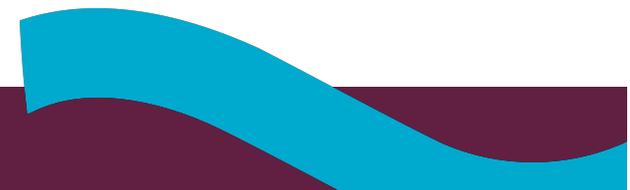
Professional Programs

- ✓ MBA MBA-CPA eMBA
(eDBA – *new, no cohort yet*)
- ✓ MFin
- ✓ MTEI
- ✓ MCDA
(MBAN – *new, no cohort yet*)
- ✓ IMTE
 - ✓ (MAE)
 - ✓ (MMCCU)
 - ✓ (GradDip CM)
 - ✓ (PBCAE)

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• Thesis-Required Programs

- ✓ All M.A. programs (ACS, Crim, Geog, Hist, IDS, Phil, Theo/RelSt, WGST)
- ✓ All M.Sc. Programs
(App. Psych - I/O & Forensic streams, Astr, Applied Science)
- ✓ M App Health Serv Research
- ✓ All PhD programs (IDS, Astr, I/O Psyc, Bus. Admin - Management + **Finance + Accounting** streams, Applied Science)



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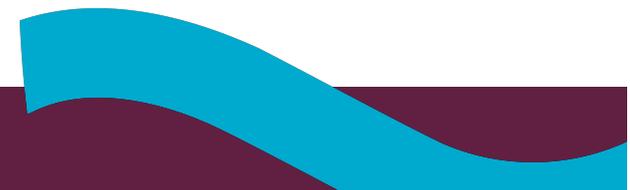
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Totals to ... 30 graduate credentials:

- 22 Masters programs (one with 2 streams)
 - 5 PhD programs (one with 3 streams), 1 Doctorate
 - 1 Grad Diploma , 1 Post-Bacc Certificate
 - Includes new/approved programs launching this year:
 - Master of Business Analytics
 - Executive Doctorate of Business Admin
- and recently launched
- PhD Bus Admin: Accounting & Finance streams

Ideas currently under development:

- Master of Arts in Creative and Critical Arts
- Masters of Engineering Management



Plans to Update Processes/Policies

(will be presented to Grad Studies Committee this term)

Have had good opportunity to be directly involved in every thesis defence, from every Program, since March 2020!

- Zoom defences violated existing FGSR policy on remote participation in defences ...
- So we have had either Dean or Assoc Dean be defence Chair for 90%+ defences (with help from a few other volunteers when we were unable)
- Has proved very rewarding and interesting! But also revealed:
unclear policies/processes and disparities between programs ...
- This has sparked a need to help “*clean this all up*” to provide:
 - clearer directions for students, supervisors, coordinators
 - ensure consistency across programs for the process and experience of the defence
 - e.g. clarify timing and process of contacting External Examiner;
update policy regarding remote participation
 - create a “College of Defence Chairs” – volunteer faculty that are prepared to be called upon for this duty as FGSR representative

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- Similarly – noted disparities between programs regarding when (if) a “supervisory committee” for thesis students is formed.
- Long-standing guidance from Canadian Association of Graduate Studies (CAGS) on best practices for supervising students (co-written 13 years ago by SMU’s Kevin Vessey
<https://www.smu.ca/webfiles/GuidingPrinciplesforGraduateStudentSupervisioninCanada.pdf>)

is clear that early identification of supervisor and formation of a supervisory committee (at least more than just the supervisor)

is an important component of supporting graduate students, as well as ensuring supervising professors also have support.

- In the coming semester, proposals to update regulations and policies will be brought to Grad Studies Committee (all the Grad Coordinators), so please discuss this with your favourite Coordinator if interested.



Graduate Studies Officer Report

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FGSR Admissions 2021

(sorry we are just learning how to extract stats from CRM Recruit!)

2103 Total Applications Received (2019 = 1513) (2018 = 1254)

Domestic (2019 = 198) (2018 = 202)

International (2019 = 1315) (2018 = 1052)

506 Registered New Students (2019 = 333) (2018 = 317)

(48 in Jan-Apr; 34 in May-Aug; 424 in Sept-Dec)

175 Domestic (2019 = 87) (2018 = 78)

331 International (2019 = 246) (2018 = 239)



Total Number of REGISTERED Graduate Students

NOW (as of Jan 18, 2022):

- **670 (642 in Jan 2020)**

During 2021

Registered Students each Term:

JAN-APR 2021:

- 513 (297 domestic, 216 Intn'l)

MAY-AUG 2021:

- 456 (255 domestic, 201 Intn'l)

SEP-DEC 2021:

- 760 (341 domestic, 419 Intn'l)

Program	# Registered
Master of Finance	84
Master of Science - Comp Data	78
Master of Business Admin	66
Master of Tech Entr Inno	58
Master of Science - App Sci	50
Doctor of Phi - App Science	41
Inter Master of Teach English	41
Master of MGMT Cooperatives	40
Master of Science - App Psy	27
Executive Master of Bus. Admin	25
Doctor of Phi - Bus. Admin	22
Master of Arts - WGST	19
Doctor of Phi - Industrial Org	18
Master of Applied Economics	15
Master of App Health Serv Res	10
Master of Arts - ACST	9
Master of Arts - GEOG	9
Post-Bacc Cert App Economics	8
Master of Arts - IDST	8
Master of Science -ASTR	7
Master of Bus Admin CPA	6
Doctor of Phi - Interna Dev St	6
Master of Arts - HIST	5
Master of Arts - CRIM	5
Graduate Diploma - MMCCU	4
Doctor of Phi - Astronomy	3
Master of Arts - RELS	2
Master of Arts - PHIL	2
Visiting	2

Internal Graduate Student Funding 2021-22

Total Amount of Internal Funding Awarded for 2021-22=
\$2,785,223

FGSR Graduate Awards and Fellowships = \$1,654,369

Named Awards = \$218,924

Teaching Assistantships Reported = \$543,230

International Graduate Student Bursary = \$39,700

Program Scholarships = \$329,000



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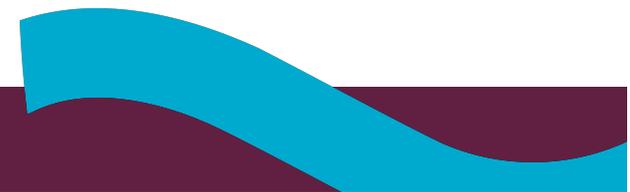
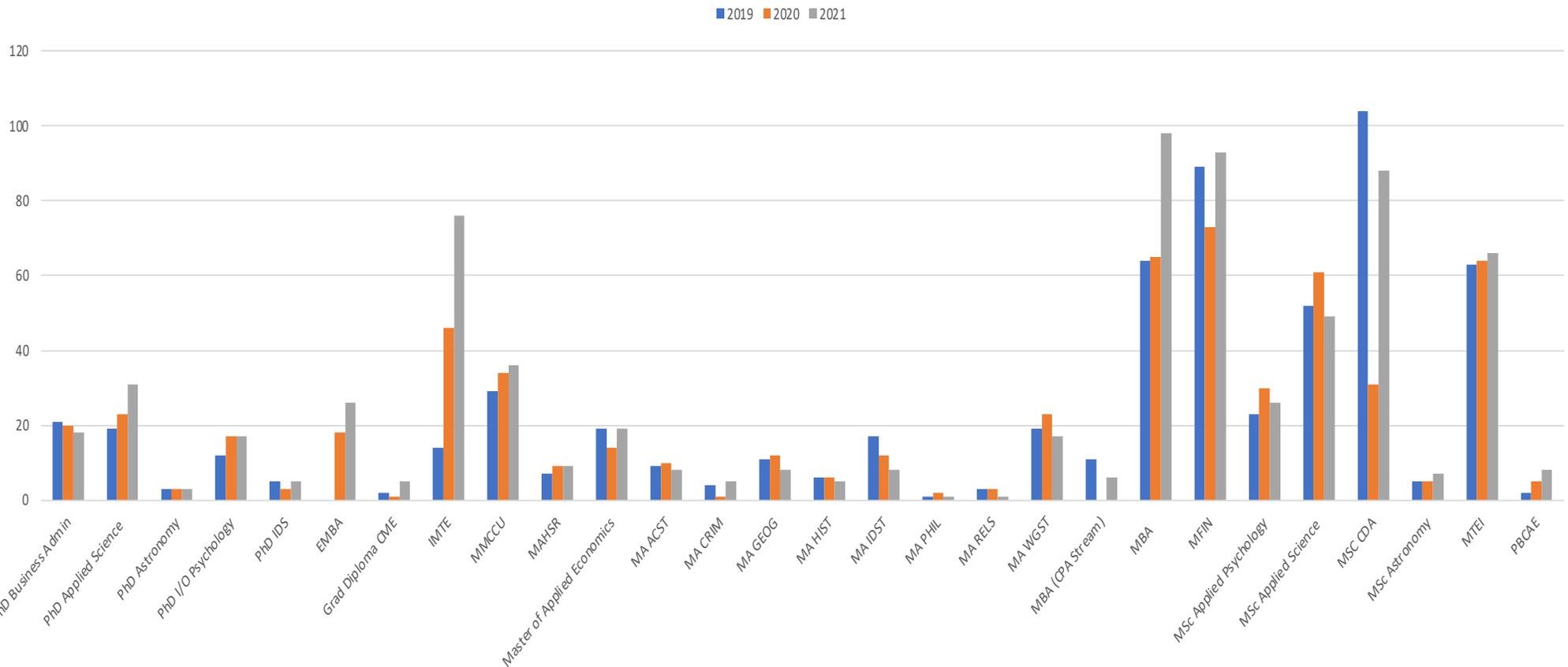
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SSHRC CGSD	= \$	105,000
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NSERC CGSD	= \$	35,000
NSERC Paid Parental Leave	= \$	35,000
NSERC PGSD	= \$	21,000
NSERC CGSM	= \$	40,950
CIHR CGSM	= \$	17,500
Research NS Scotia Scholarship	= \$	69,000
MITACS	= \$	516,455
Research Fellowships Reported	= \$	1,078,362
NS Graduate Scholarships	= \$	310,725
Research Assistantships	= \$	40,716



Grad Program Enrolment Snapshot Fall Registrations (2019, 2020, 2021)

Grad Programs: TOTAL Fall Semester Registrations



Grad Program Enrolment Snapshot

Fall Registrations – average of last 3 years

Program	Sep-19	Sep-20	Sep-21	3-YEAR-AVERAGE
ALL PhD PROGRAMS (5+2)	62	67	74	68
Research Masters Programs (13)	176	188	163	176
Professional Masters Programs (8 + 1 Dip + 1 Cert + 1 eDBA)	378	338	504	407
TOTAL	616	593	741	650

The Ongoing Challenge for Research/Thesis-Required Grad Programs: *Managing high tuition for international students*

- We provide funding for students in these programs (as just shown!)
- Funding comes from Internal FGSR, TAs ... and when possible (depending on program) from Professor's research grants
- BUT:
 - Same \$ of funding for international student gives far less actual take-home support compared to domestic students (because of high ~double tuition)
 - International students not eligible for standard CGSM, PGSD awards
 - and ends up frequently either having faculty expend higher \$ to support international student, and/or international students struggle financially (and all the associated impacts of that)
- We are desperate now for a solution, but need one that remains sufficiently affordable (since like it or not, SMU's operations rely at about the 70-80% level on tuition)
- Now investigating one possible solution that mirrors what some U15s have moved to over last 2-3 years for their PhDs (we'd look at using it PhD and research/thesis-required Masters) – **verbal report of this**

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Recent Results/Trends

(show 2020-21 data from Oct 2021 Res. Recognition Event)

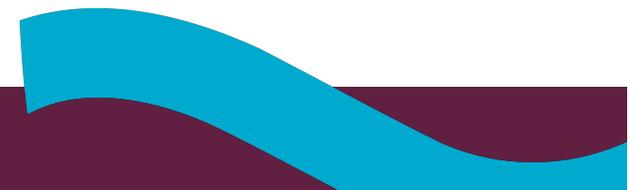
By the Numbers: **94 FACULTY MEMBERS** received funding **\$9.39 Million** in **Sept 2020 to Sept 2021** from these sources:

Facilitated By:	# Grants/Contracts	Total Funding
CRC	9 (8)	\$1,000,000
RGO	83	\$2,811,219
OICE	119	\$5,582,410
Total	211	\$9,393,629

Plus Other Funding (giving around **\$11.4 Million**, all together)

Infrastructure CFI/NSRIT ~\$ 1,030,000

RESEARCH SUPPORT FUND ~\$ 973,000



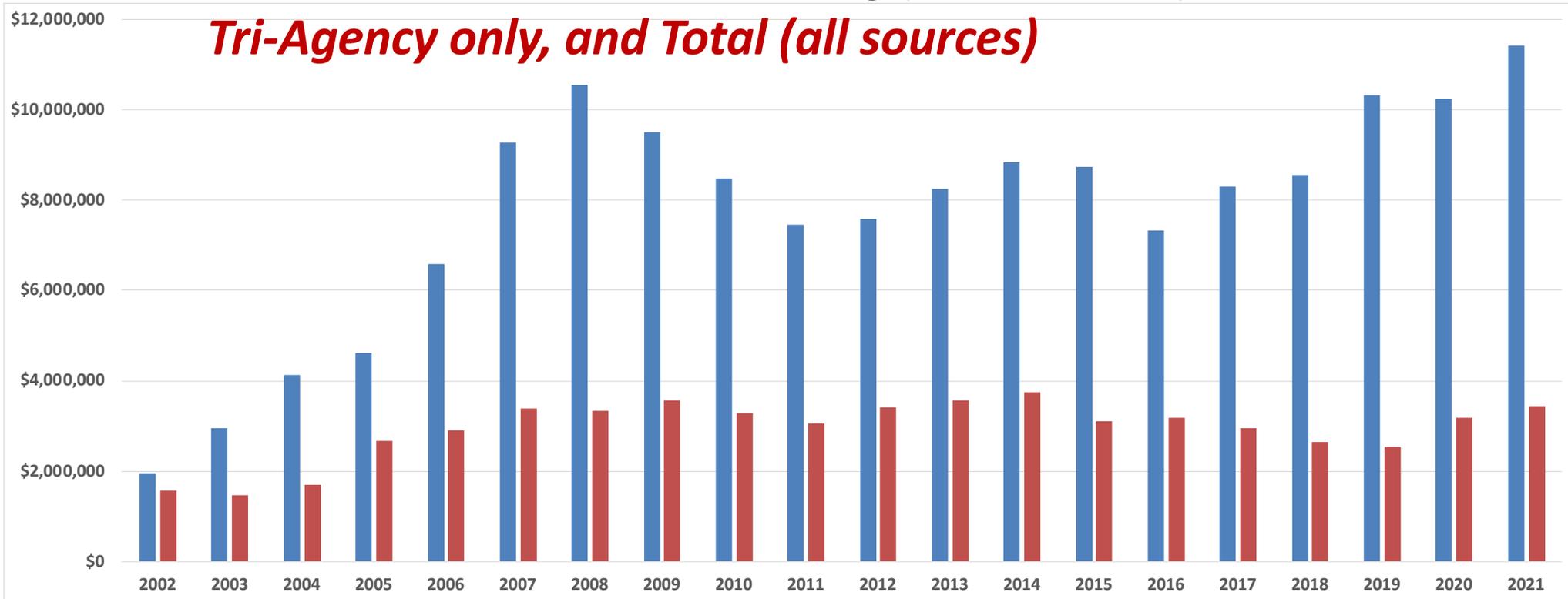
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SMU External Research Funding (2002 – 2021):

Tri-Agency only, and Total (all sources)



Total (blue)

Tri-Agency only (red)

Fiscal Year (March 31 – April 1)

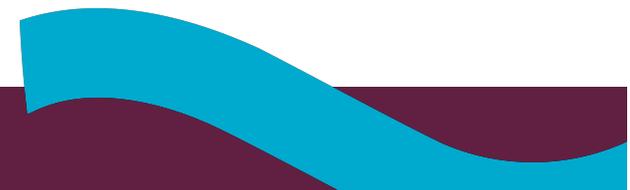
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	2017-18	2020-21	3 yr % Change	2017-18	2020-21	3 yr % Change
CRC	9	9 (8)	(-11.1)	\$1,100,000	\$1,000,000	-9.1
RGO	58	83	43.1	\$1,796,266	\$2,811,219	56.5
OICE	96	120	25.0	\$2,442,764	\$5,589,910	128.8
Total	163	212	30.1	\$5,339,030	\$9,401,129	76.1

Faculty	# Faculty Members			Total Funding		
	2017-18	2020-21	3 yr % Change	2017-18	2020-21	3 yr % Change
ARTS	14	22	57.1	\$1,051,519	\$1,795,460	70.7
BUSINESS	16	24	50.0	\$865,652	\$1,218,205	40.7
SCIENCE	43	48	11.6	\$3,374,734	\$5,387,465	59.6
Total	73	94	28.8	\$5,291,905	\$8,401,129	58.8



Quick Information and Update Notes from the Research Office

Status of “Return to Research / Travel”

- only remaining requirement to apply: international travel
- process stays the same, see [R2R webpage](#)
- One note regarding current state:
 - given SMU advisement against outside “events”, minimize bringing research participants and/or collaborators to campus until at least Feb. 14 (until this advisement changes) ... If they do come, must have them provide proof of double-vaccination status.

Meeting with leads/directors of Research Ctrs/Instit/Groups

- intending to do this for ALL Ctrs/Instit/Groups during calendar 2022, along with Ext Affairs rep
- Review status, supports from SMU, develop MOAs to confirm/formalize supports
- Assist and confirm how to ensure maximum benefit from SMU association (e.g. brand compliance, webpage, etc)



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New/Updated Research Agreements Policy:

- created an FAQ Page for Applying for Grants & (mostly) Contracts (<https://www.smu.ca/fgsr/fgsr/grants-agreements-faq-for-faculty.html>)
- the process for applying for contracts, and getting assistance/support is outlined now more clearly, including ensuring early connection with Office of Innovation and Comm Engagement (OICE) within FGSR
- other notable updates/changes to the Policy:
 - Simplified policy for university required charge for “overhead” (indirect cost of research) ... now: minimum is flat rate of 20% of total direct research costs
 - The use (or distribution) of this collected overhead now includes re-directing a portion back for use by the professor holding the contract (20% of the collected overhead is re-directed back this way to the PI)



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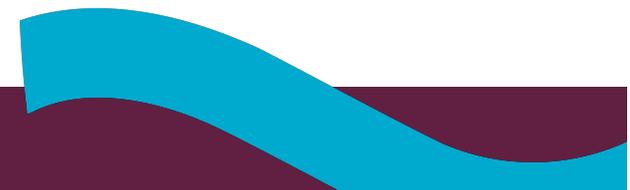
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Research Data Management:

- a reminder ... Federal Tri-Agencies continue to move forward on implementing a national Research Data Management Policy (https://www.science.gc.ca/eic/site/063.nsf/eng/h_547652FB.html)
- Next steps:
 - Inclusion of Research Data Management (RDM) Plans will be required on selected grant program applications
 - By March 2023: all universities will need to have public RDM Institutional Strategies (to remain eligible for TriAgency funding)
- Assistance locally with RDM experts in Library – Peter Webster (lead)
- National Portage portal: Data Management Planner Assistant (<https://portagenetwork.ca/tools-and-resources/dmp-assistant/>)
- More to come at SMU during 2022



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Spending and Hiring using your Research Grant Accounts:

- Realize that keeping up with proper processes, and allowances/eligibility, can be challenging
- Now with Tri-Agencies “Principles-based Accounting”, we do not have special NSERC/SSHRC “books” anymore to say what research expenses are eligible and which aren’t ...

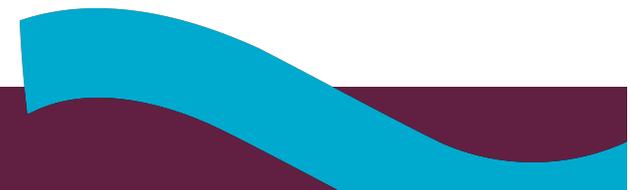
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 - **contribute to the direct costs of the research/activities for which the funds were awarded, with benefits directly attributable to the grant**
 - **not be provided by the administering institution to their research personnel**
 - **be effective and economical**
 - **not result in personal gain for members of the research team**
- Developing a “*Researcher Accountability Statement*” that we will try to roll out also in 2022 – addresses many areas of concern noted at our last Tri-Agency audit
- Will be developing an FAQ page on spending and HIRING soon (Casual, vs. contract research assistant/postdoc hires)
- Please email me (cc Shane!) with any questions you have on these issues and we’ll try to help (and get the FAQ page done)



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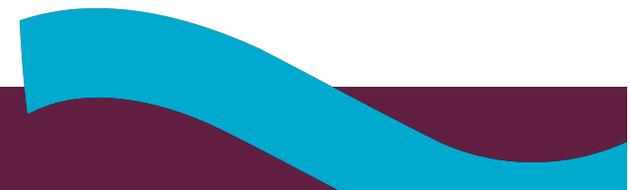
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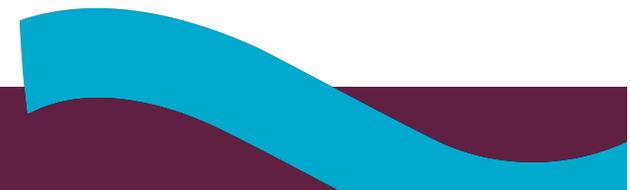
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- **NOTE:** we have an Academic Software Project Intake Committee to help assess larger/"enterprise" software requests ... Looking for an ARTS Faculty rep!
- **Coming soon:** EIT planning to hire a full-time person dedicated to Research Computing Support (using a model akin to our classroom support experts) – we will announce once the position is created, defined and a person hired.



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Update on Faculty Web-Profile & CV Tool

- As has been evident for last ~2 years, the old “SMUcv” tool to enter Faculty CV info, and automatically generate WebProfiles become non-functional
- Over the past year, have identified a good replacement platform that is in use successfully at several other Canadian universities (Dalhousie, Toronto, Montreal, Ottawa, ... UNB just coming on board now).
- Approval/finances granted: have purchased tool called “UniWeb” (from company *Proximify*). Project start = February 1st! Will roll out during 2022

SMU Strategic Research Plan Renewal: 2021-26

Soft Launch!

Will overview same Highlights which were shown during 2021 – starting last February! ... Stalled completion due to 2021 ☹

Final full document will move through approval stages during next 4 weeks. But will announce movement of several ACTION items in the Plan now – they will start now/soon!

First SRP in 1999, last renewal in 2012 – mandated requirement for Canada Research Chair (CRC) and Canadian Foundation for Innovation (CFI) federal granting programs

Fits within context of: *internal plans* – University Strategic Plan, Academic Plan, CRC EDI Action Plan, Faculty Strategic Plans; and *external priorities* – e.g. Research NS research strategy, UN SDGs

Informed from variety of inputs from faculty/community (over 2017-19 +): workshops/townhalls for Ac. Plan, SRP and setting Advancement priorities; as well as specific assistance of Cognitive Edge Pte LTD utilizing SenseMaker®



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Research Mission:

To engage in research that applies to, and is valued by communities from around the corner, to around the world, and that cultivates intellectual curiosity and creativity of our faculty and students.

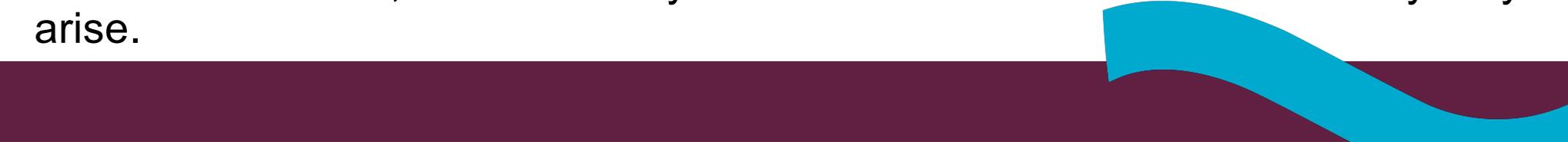
SRP supports these 4 Research Objectives:

To promote institutional priorities, and domains of particular research strength, through the identification of Major Research Themes;

To support the research work of as many SMU faculty as possible across the broad disciplinary spectrum, with attention to barriers to success equity-deserving groups may face;

To ensure that undergraduate and graduate students benefit from research activities;

To encourage the building of collaborative networks of researchers that promote development both of new initiatives and ideas in support of the Major Research Themes, and of entirely new directions in whichever area they may arise.

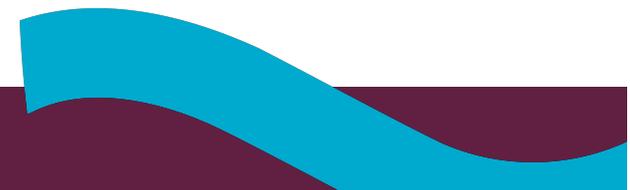


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5 Major Research Themes:

- Climate Change and the Environment – Monitoring, Impact Assessment, Solutions
- Connecting to Communities - Engaging, Partnering, Supporting Atlantic Canada communities
- Innovative Science – Exploring Fundamentals, Developing Applications
- Modern Global Citizenship Issues – Migration, Development, Big Data
- Innovation in Business and Workplace Studies

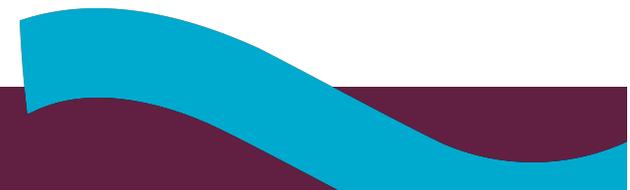


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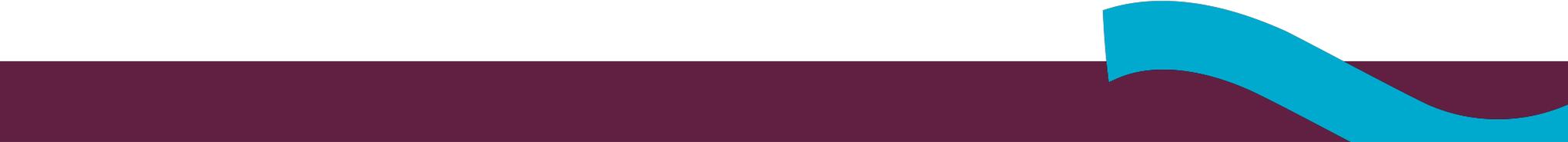
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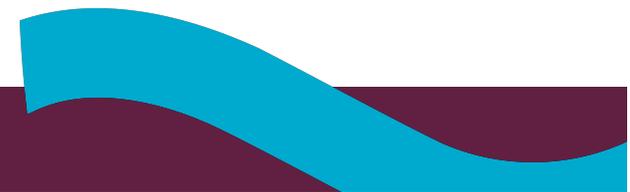
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Formation of Research Advisory Council will be coupled with renaming and reconfirming Terms of Ref for other FGSR Committees:

Executive → Graduate Curriculum

Grad Studies Comm → FGSR Executive

Research → Faculty Research Grants & Awards

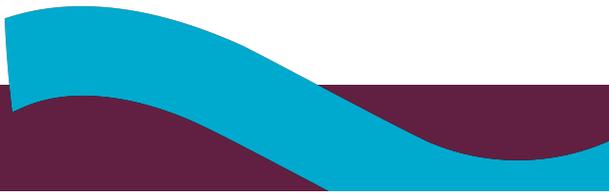
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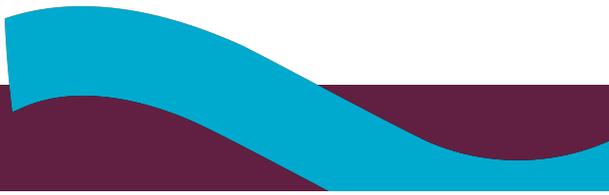
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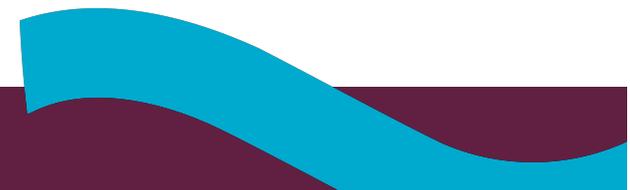
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Canada Research Chairs: Status & Updates

- When I began as FGSR Dean / AVP Research in Aug 2017, SMU had 9 CRCs – 2 Tier I's, 7 Tier II's
- As part of CRC's 2017 Re-assessment exercise, we lost one Tier II
 - So when Najah Attig completed 2nd term of his CRC in Dec 2020, we were unable to refill it (no “vacancy” because Chair lost)
- **NOW: again ... As part of CRC's 2020 Re-assessment exercise, we lost TWO (both) Tier I Chairs**
 - Happening because our proportion of total NSERC & SSHRC grant \$'s has decreased (even though slight positive slope in actual raw \$ overall for NSERC/SSHRC – not all programs “count”) ... And we must have been on “cusp”
 - *Much “discussion” with CRC Secretariat – but decision remained affirmed.*
 - So when Kevin Kelloway completes his 2nd term of CRC in Sep 2022, we will be unable to refill (no “vacancy” because Chair lost)
 - And when Marcin Sawicki completes his 1st term of CRC in Dec 2023, we will be unable to refill (no “vacancy” because Chair lost)



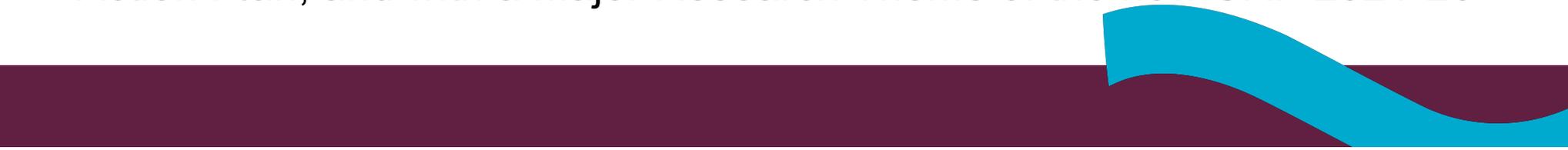
Canada Research Chairs: Status & Updates

note: Chairs normally complete 2 terms before becoming vacant-for-filling

Chair	Agency	Research Field - 2012: SRP Major Theme - 2021: SRP Major Theme	Status
Gavin <u>Friddell</u> (Tier II)	SSHRC	International Development Studies - 2012: International Development & Human Migration - 2021: Modern Global Citizenship Issues – Migration, Development, Big Data	2 nd term (2017-22)
Kevin <u>Kelloway</u> (Tier I)	SSHRC	Occupational Health Psychology - 2012: Innovation in Business & Workplace Studies - 2021: Innovation in Business & Workplace Studies	2 nd term (2015-22)*
Marcin Sawicki (Tier I)	NSERC	Astrophysics - 2012: Astronomy, Computational Sciences, & Subatomic Physics - 2021: Innovative Science – Exploring Fundamentals, Developing Applications	1 st term (2017-23)*
Karly Kehoe (Tier II)	SSHRC	Atlantic Canada Studies - 2012: Atlantic Canada Communities - 2021: Connecting to Communities – Engaging, Partnering, Supporting Atlantic Canada communities	2 nd term (2021-25)
Christa Brosseau (Tier II)	NSERC	Sustainable Chemistry and Materials - 2012: Environment and Natural Resources - 2021: Innovative Science – Exploring Fundamentals, Developing Applications	2 nd term (2021-26)
Todd Ventura (Tier II)	NSERC	Organic Geochemistry and Marine Research - 2012: Environment and Natural Resources - 2021: Innovative Science – Exploring Fundamentals, Developing Applications	2 nd term (2021-26)
Mohammad Rahaman (Tier II)	SSHRC	International Finance and Competitiveness - 2012: Innovation in Business & Workplace Studies - 2021: Innovation in Business & Workplace Studies	1 st term (2017-22)
Ivana <u>Damjanov</u> (Tier II)	NSERC	Astrophysics - 2012: Astronomy, Computational Sciences, & Subatomic Physics - 2021: Innovative Science – Exploring Fundamentals, Developing Applications	1 st term (2017-22)

* Chair lost in 2020 reallocation exercise, and will not be renewed/replaced.

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- BUT!
Gavin Friddell will complete his 2nd term as Tier II Chair in summer 2022
and we *can* fill the vacancy!
 - Purposely starting process late, as part of discussions with CRC Secretariat – SMU will receive full funding support for our Tier I's until the end of their current terms, as was indicated ... and we will impose a little delay in the filling of the soon-to-be-vacant Tier II Chair.
 - We are now to follow the new process for filling Chairs as approved through our Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI) Action Plan (<https://www.smu.ca/webfiles/SMU-CRC-Action-Plan-June2020.pdf>)
 - We will soon put out a Call for Departments, Programs, or groups of faculty, to submit proposals for filling the vacant Chair in the area they define – and proposal should address objectives of both the CRC EDI Action Plan, and with a Major Research Theme of the new SRP 2021-26
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January 28, 2022



CLARI
Change Lab Action Research Initiative



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CLARI Highlights

Year	# of Projects	Total Project Investment
2018	8	\$ 58,135
2019	19	\$ 137,169
2020	26	\$ 193,082
2021	21	\$ 156,320
All	74	\$ 544,706
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2018	2	\$ 14,586
2019	9	\$ 64,400
2020	5	\$ 37,376
2021	3	\$ 22,000.00
All	19	\$ 116,362

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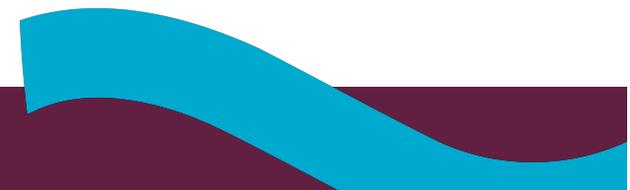


Proposal being submitted to Province in new year for additional support for FY23. ~\$200,000 for community research projects.

CLARI Project Funding

Connect (highlights)

- Action Research Network
 - Community Research Series
 - Funding/ Petitioning Province to support Community Research
 - Collaboratives – Bringing community/faculty/students together on specific themes
- Engagement with Government
 - Finalizing agreement with province for Behavioral Insights group (Dal, SMU, MSVU faculty)
 - Continue to work with Office of Public Sector Innovation (OPIN) to support increased engagement between post-secondary and government.
- 2021 Project Funding (\$200K)
 - 21 projects funded to date
 - 3 more in review

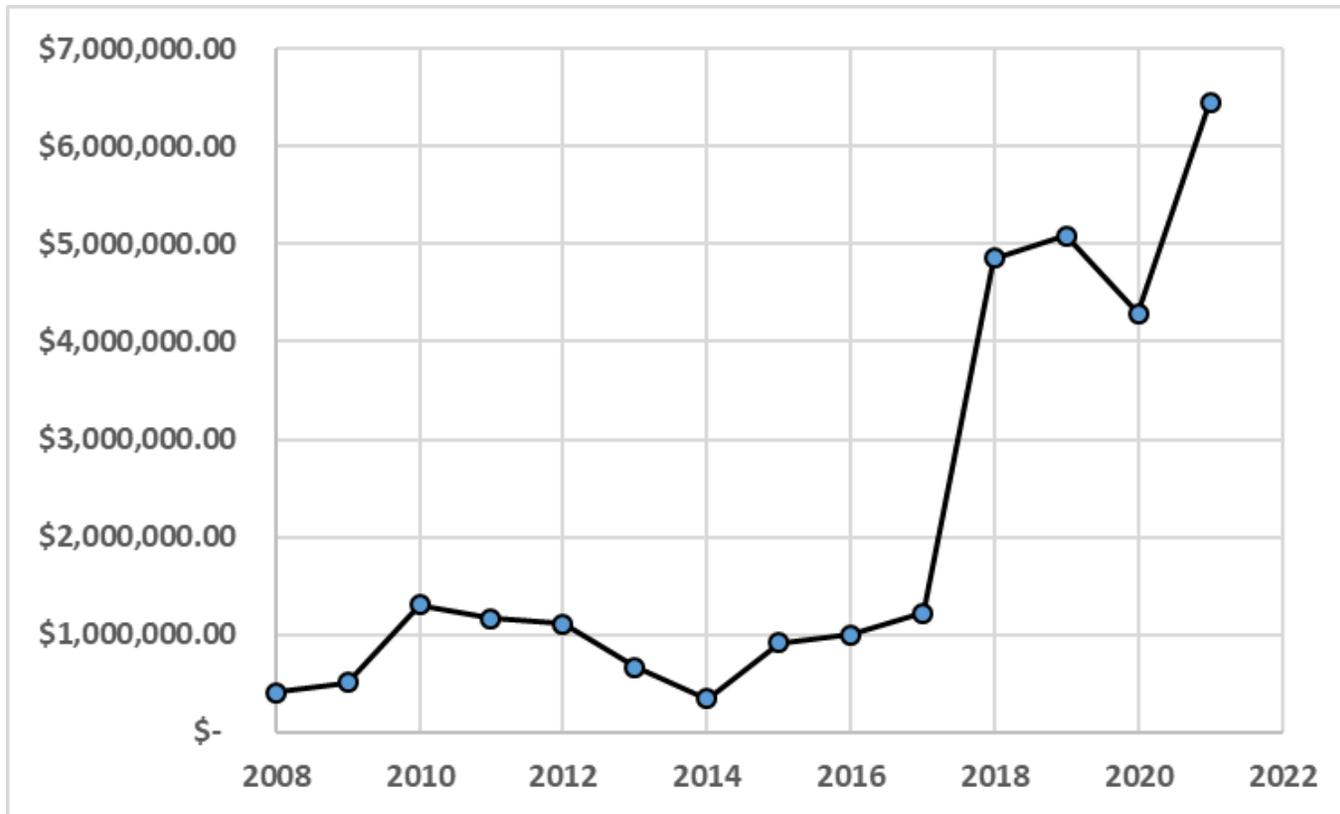


Faculty Council - OICE



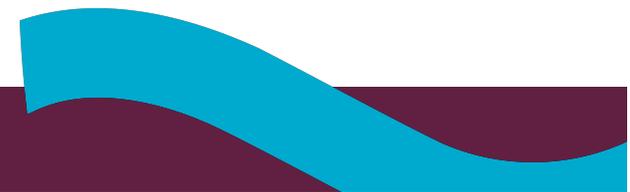
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SMU External Funding



OICE Recent Highlights

- Genome Atlantic
- Canadian Space Agency
- NS Department of Agriculture
- Springboard (Proof of Concept)
- NS Department of Energy and Mines
- Research Nova Scotia
- Clean Foundation
- National Research Council
- Mitacs



Research Expo

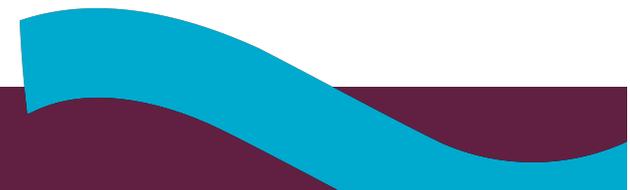
When: ~~Friday, March 4, 2022~~ **April 29**

Where: Loyola Conference Hall

Time: 1:00pm to 4:30pm

There will be opportunities for faculty to take part by giving a short pitch presentation or exhibiting at a booth.

Save Your Spot notifications will be distributed again soon, stay tuned!



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Faculty Council – Research Ethics Board (REB)



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Making requests to the REB

(The process is not different now than before COVID.)

I. Initial Research Ethics Review (ethics@smu.ca)

- Request for Exempt review
- New application
- New application that has received REB clearance from another Canadian REB

II. Continuing Research Ethics Review (ethics.continuingreview@smu.ca)

- Unanticipated Issues
- Requests for Changes to Cleared Research
- Annual Renewal request (if currently unsure, extension is advised)
- Completion of Research request

Don't hesitate to reach out at **ethics@smu.ca** to discuss your plans, circumstances and draft work during the lifecycle of the research study. We can help!



In Review

Please note that recently, **all** sample templates and request forms have been revamped to adhere with federal requirements and our (researcher and REB) local needs.

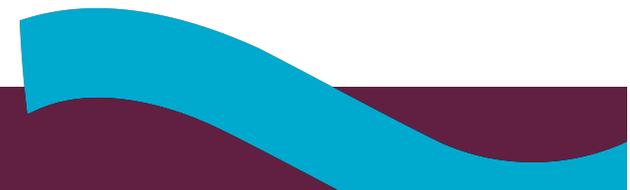
REB responsibilities and materials continue to be frequently updated and revised as fitting and worthy to comply with TCPS 2 language, localized demand or necessity, Canadian REB practices, REB reviewer feedback and in consideration to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The latest versions of request forms need to be submitted for review. Forms are available on the REB website. [The website is frequently updated.](#)

The current request forms work to eliminate common mistakes that may hold up the registration or the committee review of a proposal.

Applicants are advised to consult with the REB to determine whether their activity is deemed “*research*” under the *TCPS 2 Policy*, meaning whether the undertaking qualifies for clearance exemption or requires clearance, about their initial and continuing review challenges and duties and to review any draft document together throughout the lifecycle of the research.

The REB has conducted **712 requests** in the **2020-2021** year.



Consider joining the REB Team

The committee continues to look forward to working with members from all departments, especially those from which it receives applications:

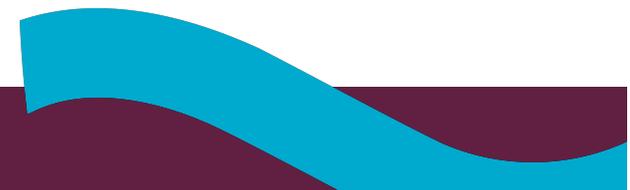
The REB would like to broaden its membership to include more members from, at the present time:

Sobey School of Business

Anthropology

Religious Studies

Interested faculty should express interest at ethics@smu.ca





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