

FGSR Council Meeting

May 6, 2021

Agenda:

Updates/Discussion – Graduate studies, Research (informal format)

- Graduate Studies:
 - REPORT: Grad Studies Officer (Applications, Enrolments, Scholarships)
 - SMU-approved program changes achieving & awaiting MPHEC approval
 - Other Grad Issues
 - Q&A / Discussion
- Research:
 - Canada Research Chair EDI Action Plan
 - Support for Indirect Costs of Research (TriAgencies – RSF, GRF; Contract Overhead)
 - External Research Funding overview and trends
 - **SMU Strategic Research Plan Renewal 2021-26: DRAFT (highlights)**
 - Research Data Management / Research supports from Library+
 - REPORT: Research Grants Officer
 - REPORT: Office of Innovation and Community Engagement, CLARI
 - REPORT: Research Ethics Board update
 - SMU Undergraduate Summer Research Award “harmonized application” programs
 - Recent SMU Tri-Agency Grant results
 - Return to Research status

Intro/Reminder: FGSR Office staffing and roles

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Intro/Reminder: FGSR Office staffing and roles

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Coming soon: Research Grants

Facilitator (said this in Dec 2019...)

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Director

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Industry Liaison Officer

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Research Office Assistant

Change Lab Action Research Initiative (CLARI)

Ray MacNeil

CLARI Network Manager

Graduate Studies Officer Report

FGSR Faculty Council

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2021 FGSR Admissions As of April 28, 2021

1889 Applications Received to Date

(June 10, 2020=1396) (April 29, 2019 = 1400) (April 20, 2018 = 1154) (April 18, 2017 = 907)

747 Offers of Admission Have Been Sent to Date

(June 10, 2020=497) (April 29, 2019 = 436) (April 20, 2018 = 402) (April 18, 2017 = 307)

An additional 62 offers of admission have been declined in the CRM.

NOTING: Our new fully online application portal (“CRM Recruit”) was launched in Aug 2020, and has been used for all grad applications since then...still working out all bugs, but couldn’t have managed this high level of apps during COVID – or at all – without it. AFTER 5+ YEARS!!!



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Total Number of Graduate Students

- As of April 27, 2021 there were **512** Registered Graduate Students at Saint Mary's University

(that is down from where we have been in past...were 547 last April, and have been up as high as ~650 prior ... but increasing applications and coming new programs will change this trend)

THIS YEAR (27 Apr 2021)

Program	Students Registered
Master of Finance	67
Master of Science - App Sci	53
Master of Business Admin	49
Master of Science - Comp Data	40
Master of MGMT Cooperatives	34
Master of Tech Entr Inno	33
Master of Science - App Psy	26
Doctor of Phi - App Science	24
Inter Master of Teach English	24
Doctor of Phi - Management	23
Master of Arts - WGST	23
Executive Master of Bus. Admin	18
Doctor of Phi - Industrial Org	17
Master of Arts - GEOG	11
Master of Applied Economics	10
Master of Arts - ACST	10
Master of Arts - IDST	10
Master of App Health Serv Res	9
Visiting	5
Post-Bacc Cert App Economics	5
Doctor of Phi - Interna Dev St	4
Master of Arts - HIST	4
Doctor of Phi - Astronomy	3
Master of Arts - RELS	3
Master of Science -ASTR	3
Master of Arts - PHIL	2
Graduate Diploma - MMCCU	1
Master of Arts - CRIM	1
TOTAL	512

LAST YEAR (Apr 2020)

Master of Finance	83
Master of Science - Comp Data	70
Master of Science - App Sci	54
Master of Business Admin	45
Master of Tech Entr Inno	36
Doctor of Phi - Management	29
Master of MGMT Cooperatives	27
Doctor of Phi - App Science	22
Master of Science - App Psy	22
Master of Arts - WGST	19
Executive Master of Bus. Admin	18
Master of Applied Economics	15
Doctor of Phi - Industrial Org	13
Master of Arts - IDST	12
Inter Master of Teach English	11
Master of Bus Admin CPA	11
Master of Arts - ACST	10
Master of Arts - GEOG	10
Master of App Health Serv Res	8
Master of Arts - HIST	6
Doctor of Phi - Interna Dev St	5
Master of Science -ASTR	5
Doctor of Phi - Astronomy	3
Master of Arts - CRIM	3
Master of Arts - RELS	3
Visiting	3
Master of Arts - PHIL	2
Post-Bacc Cert App Economics	2

Snapshots of Enrolments by Program

External Student Funding 2021-22

SSHRC

- 7 SMU graduate students were offered J. Armand Bombardier CGSM Scholarships (\$17,500 each over 1 year)
- 1 SMU graduate student was offered a SSHRC CGSD3 Scholarship (\$35,000 per year for 3 years)

NSERC

- 3 SMU graduate students were offered Alexander Graham Bell CGSM Scholarships (\$17,500 each over 1 year)
- 1 SMU graduate student was offered an NSERC PGSD3 scholarship (\$21,000 per year for 3 years)

CIHR

- 1 SMU graduate student was offered a Frederick Banting and Charles Best CGSM Scholarship (\$17,500 over 1 year)

External Student Funding 2021-22 Research NS

Research Nova Scotia- There is \$69,000 in **Scotia Scholarships** available to be offered to SMU graduate students in the upcoming weeks.

(FGSR Awards Committee has reviewed and made decisions – offers going out soon)

External Student Funding 2021-22 NSGS

Nova Scotia Graduate
Scholarships will be offered
to SMU graduate students in
the coming months in the
Amount of \$335,000
(Pending receipt of funds).

Graduation Numbers by Calendar Year

2020
(309 total)

January 2020

102 Graduate Students

May 2020

71 Graduate Students

September 2020

136 Graduate Students

2019
(300 total)

January 2019

82 Graduate Students

May 2019

77 Graduate Students

September 2019

141 Graduate Students

SMU-Approved Programs Approved & Awaiting MPHEC Approval

Just-Launched recently APPROVED Program / Changed Programs:

- PhD in Business Administration – Accounting and Finance streams
 - First cohort just started this week!
 - MBA (CPA stream) – changed to full-time, shorter duration
 - First cohort just started this week!
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APPROVED New Programs – coming soon!:

- Executive Doctorate of Business Admin (eDBA)
 - approved by SMU & MPHEC: will recruit for 2022!
- Post-Bacc. Certificate in Applied Economics (PBCAE)
 - approved by SMU & MPHEC: will be standalone Cert now
- Masters of Business Analytics (MBan)
 - Approved by SMU – submitted to MPHEC

Other Grad Studies Issues

- These topics have haunted me/FGSR for 2+ years, and will get reviewed for sure in 2021 (sorry – am planning a retreat this summer to review policies/regs)
 - **For example, in Thesis-required programs:**
 - Assignment of thesis supervisors and supervisory committees
 - Thesis defence guidelines around remote participation
 - Importance and timing of progress reports for thesis students
- Thesis defences have proceeded well via zoom since Mar2020
- Special program of Grad Continuation Tuition waivers for thesis students delayed by COVID-19 impacts has been in place for Fall 2020, Winter 2021, Summer 2021 semesters.
- Will continue to work with Grad Program Coordinators and Managers/Staff to help programs.

Graduate Studies

- **QUESTIONS / DISCUSSIONS?**

Research Updates and Discussion

Canada Research Chair (CRC) Program, and CRC EDI Action Plan:

- CRC Public Transparency page has information:
 - FGSR site -> Research -> CRC Program
 - Our current 8 CRCs listed in posted spreadsheet, with their terms
 - Dr. Attig completed his CRC on Dec 31
 - Next open CRC is planned to be following Dr. Friddell's 2nd term (Jun 2022) ... but we are just sorting out current periodic “re-allocation” process ... Some uncertainty – will update in Fall.
- Updated (approved) CRC EDI Action Plan posted
 - Overviews supports for CRCs, and new method for determining discipline/area of open Chair positions – with choice based on proposals from departments/programs/groups-of-faculty with attention to SRP and EDI priorities

Research Updates and Discussion

Support for Indirect Costs of Research

(this section part of SMU commitment to communicate!)

- from TriAgencies (NSERC/SSHRC/CIHR):
 - Research Support Fund (RSF)
 - ~40% of our total eligible TriAgency direct research grants
 - ~\$1M put toward supporting research (*e.g. RGO, REO, Research Accountants, and more*)
 - Grant Recovery Funds (GRFs)
 - Provided via unused funds left over when faculty grants expire
 - These funds end up getting utilized for various research-support programs (e.g. FGSR international travel grant)
 - TriAgency policy requires spending at least 50% of balance every fiscal year ... Now, with SSHRC and NSERC allowing grant extensions, there will be no “refill” into GRFs for a couple years...
- from Research Contract “overhead”
 - Important source; looking at updating/simplifying current policy

Research Updates and Discussion

Results and Trends in External Research Funding

- Review external research funding results / trends from a few different perspectives
- FIRST:
 - From our now-annual Research Recognition event held in October

Show views of Funding as of last October.
- THEN:
 - Look at Fiscal Year totals (April 1– March 31) running back over last 15+ years

2020 SMU RESEARCH RECOGNITION RECEPTION

By the Numbers: **95 FACULTY MEMBERS** received funding **\$8.17 Million** in Sept 2019 to Sept 2020 from these sources:

Facilitated By	# Grants/Contracts	Total Funding
CRC	9	1,000,000
RGO	76	2,924,677
OICE	114	4,245,408
Total	199	8,170,085

Plus Other Funding (giving around **\$9.5 Million**, all together)

Infrastructure CFI/NSRIT → ~\$ 316,000

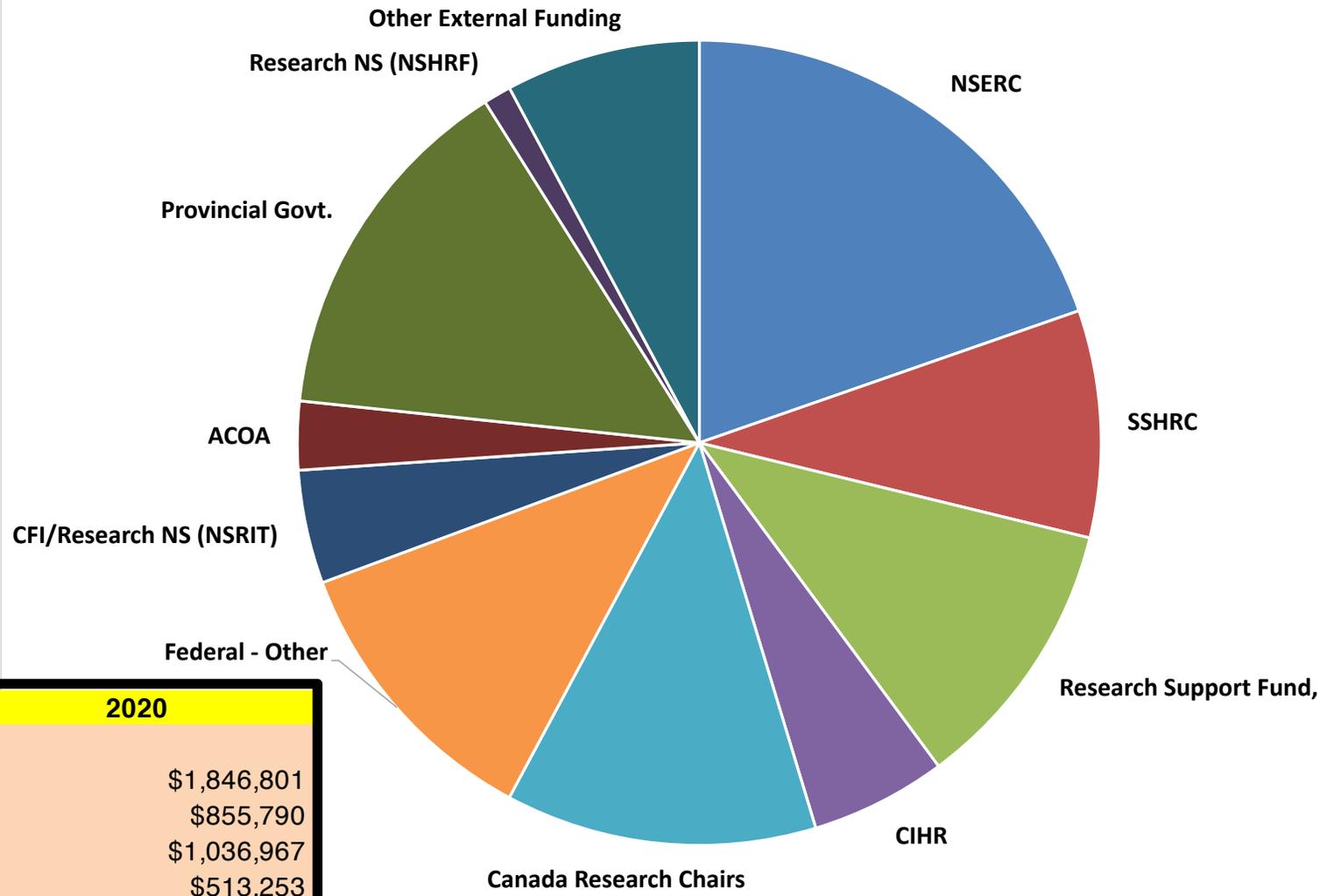
RESEARCH SUPPORT FUND → ~\$1,037,000

2020 SMU RESEARCH RECOGNITION RECEPTION

Faculty	# Faculty Members				Total Funding			
	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	1 yr % Change	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	1 yr % Change
ARTS	14	15	18	20.0	\$1,051,519	\$1,667,155	\$1,717,458	2.9
BUSINESS	16	22	24	9.1	\$865,652	\$876,612	\$803,065	-9.2
SCIENCE	43	42	53	26.2	\$3,374,734	\$4,770,966	\$5,649,563	15.6
Total	73	79	95	20.3	\$5,291,905	\$7,314,733	\$8,170,085	10.5

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CRC	9	9	9		\$1,100,000	\$1,100,000	\$1,000,000	-10.0
RGO	58	61	76	24.6	\$1,796,266	\$2,105,092	\$2,924,677	28.0
OICE	96	137	114	-16.8	\$2,442,764	\$4,109,641	\$4,245,408	3.2
Total	163	207	199	-3.9	\$5,339,030	\$7,314,733	\$8,170,085	10.5

Sources of SMU External Research Funding - FY2020 (\$9.4M)



Funding Category	2020
NSERC	\$1,846,801
SSHRC	\$855,790
Research Support Fund	\$1,036,967
CIHR	\$513,253
Canada Research Chairs	\$1,175,000
Federal - Other	\$1,080,667
CFI/Research NS (NSRIT)	\$427,661
ACOA	\$258,347
Provincial Govt.	\$1,350,670
Research NS (NSHRF)	\$104,508
Other External Funding	\$734,729
Total	\$9,384,393

SAINT MARY'S UNIVERSITY: Annual External Research Funding Totals 2002-20

■ Total External Funding
 ■ Tri-Agency Funding
 ■ Total Direct Research (no RSF, CFI)



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SAINT MARY'S UNIVERSITY: Annual Tri-Agency Research Funding Totals 2002-20

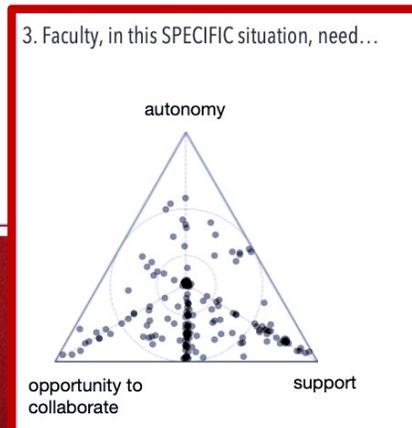
■ Tri-Agency Funding ■ NSERC ■ SSHRC



SMU Strategic Research Plan (SRP)

Renewal: 2021-26 <draft>

- **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 last few years!): workshops/townhalls for Ac. Plan, SRP and setting Advancement priorities; as well as specific assistance of Cognitive Edge Pte LTD utilizing SenseMaker® ... with lots of informative data like this:



Strategic Research Plan Renewal: 2021-26

Research Mission (maintained unchanged):

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.

Strategic Research Plan Renewal: 2021-26

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

Strategic Research Plan Renewal: 2021-26

Actions:

- Annual workshops associated with each of the 5 Major Research Themes
- Support community-engaged research: direct research office support staff time; plus active participation and support of the CLARI initiative
- Engage in development of university diversity and equity strategies: ensure opportunities/programs for research mentorship and network building; develop holistic, inclusive graduate admission policies.
- Align annual FGSR Internal Research grant program toward specific/targeted calls toward Major Research Theme areas
- Hire Research Grants Facilitator to enhance support for faculty
- Establish a Research Supervision Award to promote excellence in student research training
- Establish Research Advisory Council

Research Data Management

This is a Slide from FGSR
Council in December 2019 ...
(a reminder)

- New TriAgency policy statement coming soon
- Will require a Research Data Management Plan
- Have access now to Portage's RDMP Assistant tool
- Our RDM expert – Peter Webster
- We will have info sessions / workshops in the future

But there is news...

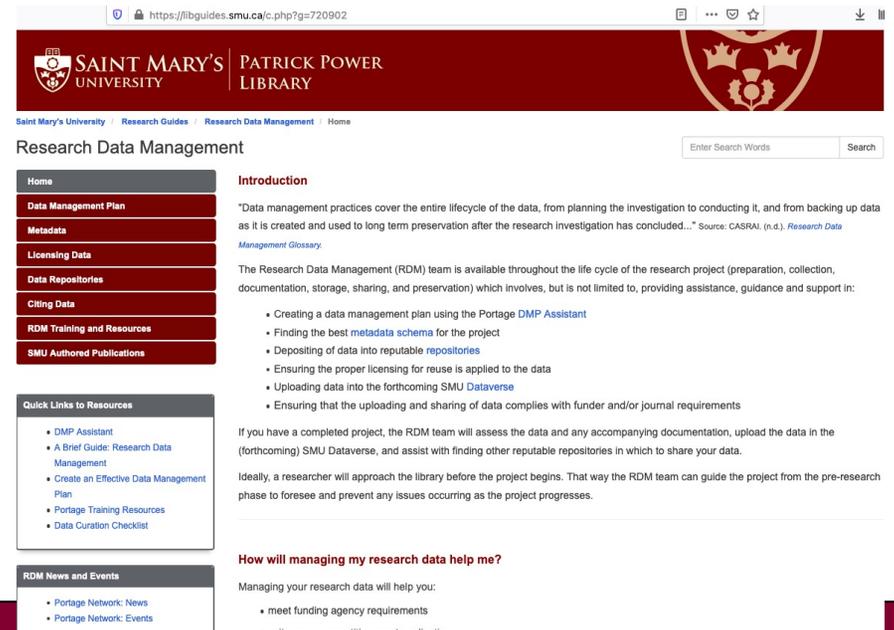
Research Data Management

- New TriAgency policy statement RELEASED:
 - http://www.science.gc.ca/eic/site/063.nsf/eng/h_97610.html

The screenshot shows the Government of Canada website header with the Canadian flag, the text "Government of Canada" and "Gouvernement du Canada", and a search bar labeled "Search Canada.ca". Below the header is a "MENU" dropdown. The breadcrumb trail reads: "Home > Interagency research funding > Policies and Guidelines > Research Data Management". A left-hand navigation menu lists: "Research Data Management", "Tri-Agency Statement of Principles on Digital Data Management", "Open Letter", "Tri-Agency Research Data Management Policy" (highlighted), "Public Consultation Summary", and "Frequently Asked Questions". The main content area features the title "Tri-Agency Research Data Management Policy" and a section titled "1. Preamble". The preamble text states: "The Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR), the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC), and the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC) (the agencies) are federal granting agencies that promote and support research, research training, knowledge transfer and innovation within Canada. The agencies expect the research they fund to be conducted to the highest professional and disciplinary standards, domestically and internationally. These standards support research excellence by ensuring that research is performed ethically and makes good use of public funds, experiments and studies are replicable, and research results are as accessible as possible. Research data management (RDM) is a necessary part of research excellence. The agencies believe that research data collected through the use of public funds should

Research Data Management

- New TriAgency policy statement **RELEASED**
 - Will require a Research Data Management Plan
 - by 2023 ... BUT ... Thanks to Librarian **Peter Webster** and **Anna Labrador** (RDM Library Assistant) in the **Patrick Power Library**, info is already available for researchers, and they will be Guiding our Institutional RDM Plan ...
- <https://libguides.smu.ca/c.php?g=720902>



The screenshot shows the Saint Mary's University Patrick Power Library website. The page title is "Research Data Management". The navigation menu includes: Home, Data Management Plan, Metadata, Licensing Data, Data Repositories, Citing Data, RDM Training and Resources, and SMU Authored Publications. The main content area is titled "Introduction" and contains the following text:

"Data management practices cover the entire lifecycle of the data, from planning the investigation to conducting it, and from backing up data as it is created and used to long term preservation after the research investigation has concluded..." Source: CASRAI (n.d.), [Research Data Management Glossary](#).

The Research Data Management (RDM) team is available throughout the life cycle of the research project (preparation, collection, documentation, storage, sharing, and preservation) which involves, but is not limited to, providing assistance, guidance and support in:

- Creating a data management plan using the [Portage DMP Assistant](#)
- Finding the best [metadata schema](#) for the project
- Depositing of data into reputable [repositories](#)
- Ensuring the proper licensing for reuse is applied to the data
- Uploading data into the forthcoming [SMU Dataverse](#)
- Ensuring that the uploading and sharing of data complies with funder and/or journal requirements

If you have a completed project, the RDM team will assess the data and any accompanying documentation, upload the data in the (forthcoming) SMU Dataverse, and assist with finding other reputable repositories in which to share your data.

Ideally, a researcher will approach the library before the project begins. That way the RDM team can guide the project from the pre-research phase to foresee and prevent any issues occurring as the project progresses.

How will managing my research data help me?

Managing your research data will help you:

- meet funding agency requirements
- write more competitive grant applications

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A reminder of the Patrick Power Library's Research Data & Digital Scholarship Services

- **Staff Support:** 4 Librarians, 3 Library staff ... all in this area
- Research Consultation
- Collections (databases, datasets,...)
- Academic Literacies – esp. data and digital literacies
- Government Stats, Data and Analytical Resources
- Planning (digital scholarship, research data services)
- **Research Data Management** (repository, metadata, open data)
- Digital Humanities Scholarship
- Open Educational Resources (OER)

On a similar support thread:

- ACENET – our connection to Compute Canada / NDRIO
- The new Wicked Problems Lab (workshops and collaboration)

Report of the Research Grants Officer

Research Committee 2021

- Five Internal New Faculty Research Grants awarded
- 30 Internal Established Faculty Research Grants awarded

President's Award for Excellence in Research

- 2020 Recipient was **Dr. Evangelia Tastsoglou** of the Department of Sociology and the International Development Studies program.

President's Award for Excellence in Research

- Will email out the Call for nominations to be submitted to the nominee's faculty Dean

- Research Committee will need Dean's nominations by **Aug 20**

<https://www.smu.ca/fgsr/presidents-award.html>

- Criteria are Productivity, Creativity, Influence and Impact, Recognition

Office of Innovation and Community Engagement

Faculty Council, May 6th, 2021



CLARI



CLARI

Change Lab Action Research Initiative

CLARI Highlights

CLARI

Year	# of Projects	Total Project Investment
2018	8	\$ 58,135
2019	19	\$ 137,169
2020	26	\$ 193,082
2021	15	\$ 110,320
All	68	\$ 498,706
2018	2	\$ 14,586
2019	9	\$ 71,900
2020	5	\$ 37,376
2021	1	\$ 7,500.00
All	17	\$ 123,862

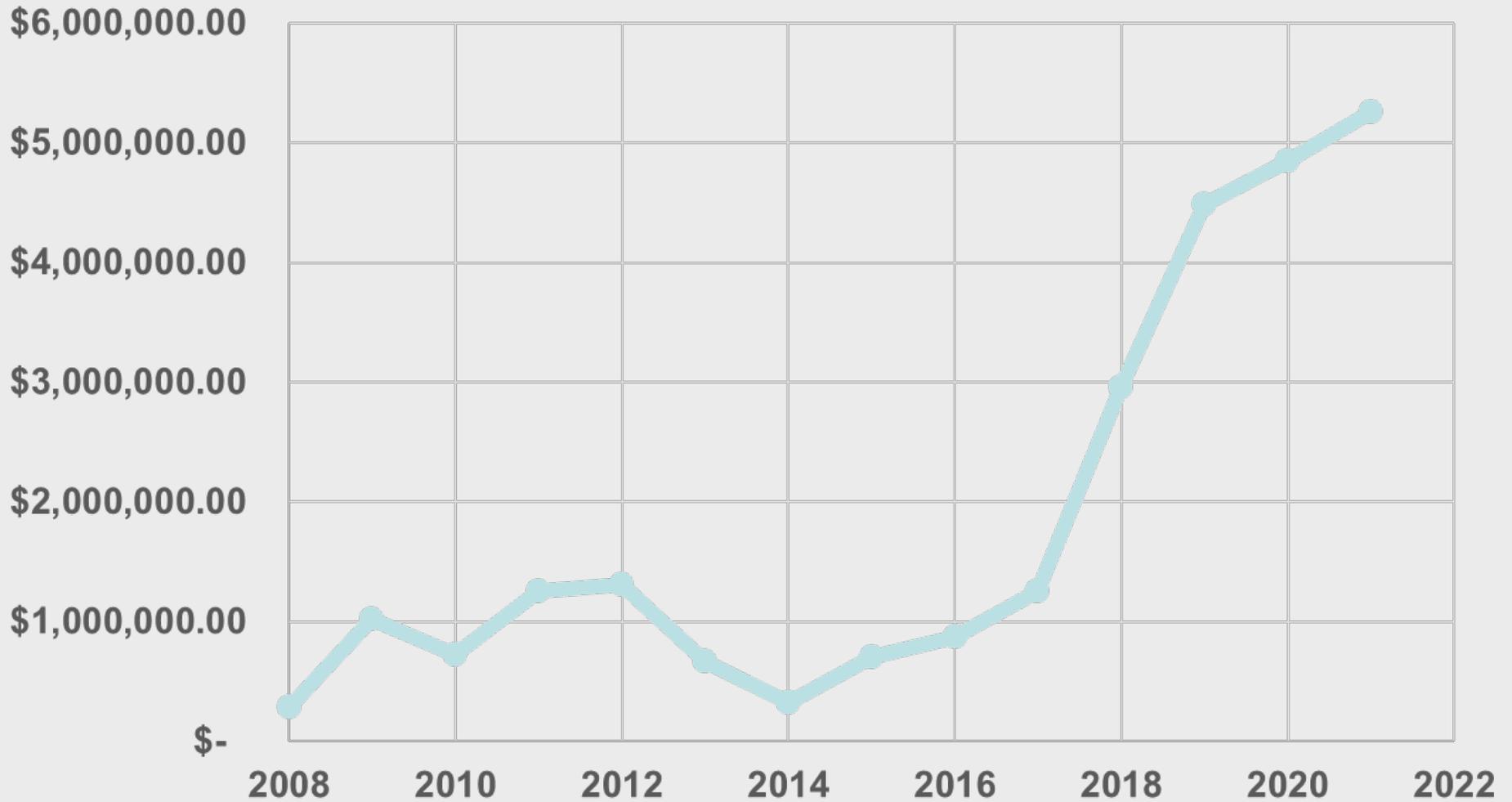
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\$200,000 just awarded from the Province for new CER projects (Jan 2021)

CLARI Project Funding

- Connect
 - Build, support and grow Action Research Network in NS, with community, post-secondary partners
 - With Prov Gov to identify faculty to work with NS Gov Behavioral Insights Team
 - With Office of Public Sector Innovation to identify and support gov depts who are looking for post secondary partners.
- 2021 Funding (\$200K)
 - Recent call led to 15 projects funded

SMU External Funding



2021 - \$5,258,509

OICE Recent Highlights

- Mitacs ~ \$1.9 million (various industry partners)
- Atlantic Mining Corporation
- National Research Council
- Women and Gender Equity
- NS Advisory Council
- Environment and Climate Change Canada
- Department of Energy and Mines

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Thank you



Research Ethics Board (REB)



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Making requests during our virtual days

(The process is not different.)

Initial Research Ethics Review (ethics@smu.ca)

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

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

- Unanticipated Issues
- Requests for Changes to Cleared Research
- Annual Renewal request (if currently unsure, we advise to renew)
- 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!



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Popular find!

SMU REB website:

“Currently Active Research at SMU”

Locate a listing of all currently active research with human participants at SMU. Maybe yours? Maybe a fellow colleague’s?

Searchable by:

- SMU REB number
- Current research ethics clearance expiry date
- Title of research
- Principal Investigator
- Department
- “NSCAD”



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Consider joining the REB Team

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

- Sobey School of Business
- Anthropology
- International Development Studies
- Religious Studies

Interested faculty should express interest at ethics@smu.ca



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Undergraduate Summer Research Awards

Harmonized Application process

- **In an effort to make applying for an undergrad summer research award as easy as possible for students – removing the barrier of needing to *a priori* know/talk to a professor about it – for the 2nd year, we harmonized all Award programs into one application portal**
 - Done with the invaluable help of Vanisa O (FGSR Research Office Assistant), and the help of Adam Daniels (Student Services) to establish the portal last year (and give needed updates for this year).

AND

With the continued support of MANY faculty members who became part of the process by volunteering to be a research supervisor if students got an Award
- 31 Awards given out:
 - NSERC USRA (13)
 - Dean of Science (5)
 - First Year Awards (5)
 - SSHRC Explore (8)

Recent TriAgency Grant Results

- **NOTE: A full report of all received External Research grant & contract funding from Sept 2020– Sept 2021 will be Highlighted at our 4th annual Research Recognition Event in October to review and recognize all grant winners ... This will be widely publicized for general attendance – likely a combination of in-person and “zoom”.**
- **Recent SSHRC Insight Grant results:**
 - 9 applications submitted ...5 Successful!
 - **Kevin Kelloway** (Psychology)
 - **Nicolas Roulin** (Psychology)
 - **Najah Attig** (Finance / Info Sci / Mgmt Sci)
 - **Teresa Heffernan** (English)
 - **Sana Ben Hassine**
(Sobey School postdoc; with Zhang, Attig, Drira)

Recent TriAgency Grant Results:

NSERC Discovery (“operating”) Grant

- Only 5 applications submitted this year, 2 Successful
 - **Discovery Grant:**
 - Dawn Kellett (Adjunct, Geology)
 - **Development Grant:**
 - Rob Singer (Chemistry)

(reminder: last year we had 9 successful grants from 11 applications)

NOTE: Apologies for those people who received a Tri-Agency grant that I've missed ... We will FOR SURE have everybody's grant recognized in October!! (there are other successful researchers...these were just the recent!)

Return to Research Status

- **Return to Research process launch almost exactly a year ago (May 25, 2020)**
- All info and posting of status / updates provided at Virtual University “Return to Research” site:
<https://www.smu.ca/virtualuniversity/return-to-research.html>
- **Currently: in “scaled-back” stage due to “lockdown”**
- **AVPR works with VPAR, Deans, Risk Manager, and OHS/Wellness Officer to oversee the “Return to Research” process**
 - Have helped ~250 people (faculty/students/staff) return to campus, or the field, since last May (11 months ago!)

SMU's "Return to Research" Phased Approach to working on campus (& in field) during COVID-19

www.smu.ca/virtualuniversity/return-to-research.html

Phase One (started May 2020):

- Research related to COVID-19 issues; field research

Phase Two (started June 2020):

- Research using specialized facilities on SMU campus

During these periods (through 2020):

- Researchers cleaning their spaces/equipment frequently
- Wearing masks when potential for not distancing exists
- Keeping records of activity / checking in
- Minimizing on-campus work (work that could be done remotely, done remotely)
- Allowing exemptions to the suspension of all university travel - for approved research within Atlantic bubble



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(professors allowed to work from their offices – started August 2020)

Phase Three (started October 2020):

- research involving face-to-face interactions with research participants, or research collaborators (or stakeholders)

(approved protocols for shared-office space return – grad students / postdocs / part-time faculty – started March 2021)

Phase Four (started April 2021):

- Research students / team-members working from shared-office spaces for research-specific reasons on campus
(relaxing the guiding “do work that can be done remotely, remotely” principle)

...Travel...still unclear

Research

- **QUESTIONS / DISCUSSIONS?**