

FGSR Council Meeting

13 December 2018

Agenda

1. Call to Order and Approval of the Agenda
2. Approval of the Minutes from the Apr 25, 2018 meeting
3. Business Arising
 - a. Renewal of Strategic Research Plan – consultation process launched
 - b. Status of plan for online admissions portal and electronic workflow CRM
 - c. TriAgency Research Data Management policy - status
4. Dean's (and Associate Dean's) Report
 - a. Research info and highlights
 - b. Graduate Studies info and highlights
 - c. General Office operations
5. Committee Reports: Executive (Curriculum changes) , Awards, Research
8. Report from the Office of Innovation and Community Engagement
9. Report on CASE Committee of Community Engaged Research, and CLARI
10. Report from the Graduate Studies Officer
11. Report from the Research Grants Officer (covered in Research Comm and Dean's Reports)
12. Report from the Research Ethics Office
13. New/Other Business – Questions and Discussion from faculty
14. Adjournment

- Approval of the Minutes from the April 25, 2018 meeting

Business Arising from the Minutes

- Strategic Research Plan renewal
 - announced “launch” of the consultation period back in October (running concurrently with SMU Academic Plan renewal)
 - Last Friday: announced (finally!) our new/novel online portal to facilitate a strategic discussion on research at SMU

- **NEED EVERYONE TO PARTICIPATE!** 😊

<https://smu.ca/strategicconversation>

Business Arising from the Minutes

- New online admissions portal and electronic workflow CRM ... STILL under construction ... kind of ...
- Looking seriously at purchasing a better solution – that will integrate with Banner (more easily)
- Timeline for implementation = uncertain.

Business Arising from the Minutes

- Tri-Agency moving forward with Research Data Management policies
 - Released draft policy last June:
https://www.science.gc.ca/eic/site/063.nsf/eng/h_97610.html
 - Set to launch implementation ~January...
 - Looking into new SSHRC Connection Grant program - *Research Data Management Capacity Building Initiative*

Dean's Report

Research Info / Highlights

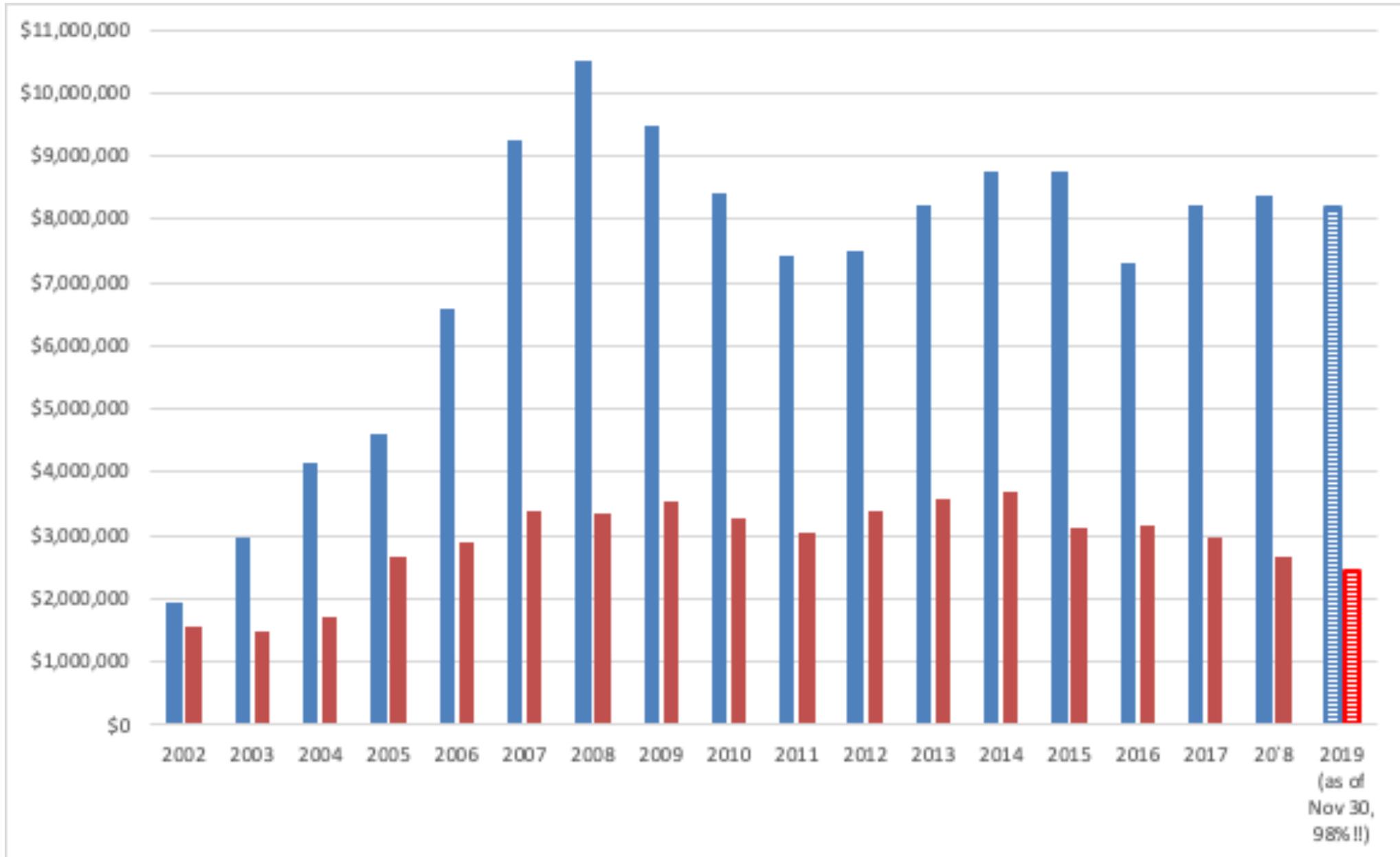
- Federally:
 - 2018 Budget provided increases to Science research budget – implementing the increases is now materializing
 - CRC increases nationally (we didn't benefit), \$ for most recent Tier II's increased (we did benefit)
 - NSERC grants last year got post-approval increases
 - SSHRC postdoc fellows receive salary increase
 - New Can Res. Coordinating Committee funding opportunities (Early Career one announced last year)
 - More to come (oh, and changes to “collapse” all NSERC Partnership programs into one...)

Research Info / Highlights

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- Provincially:
 - In final stages (months) of merging provincial research funding agencies NSHRC and NSRIT (and more) into one Research Nova Scotia agency – recommended to have stable/fixed budget assignment.
 - In process of developing the NS Integrated Health Research and Innovation Strategy (IHRIS): hoped to improve coordination between gov/univ/NSHA, better access to health data, etc. ... Will provide updates.

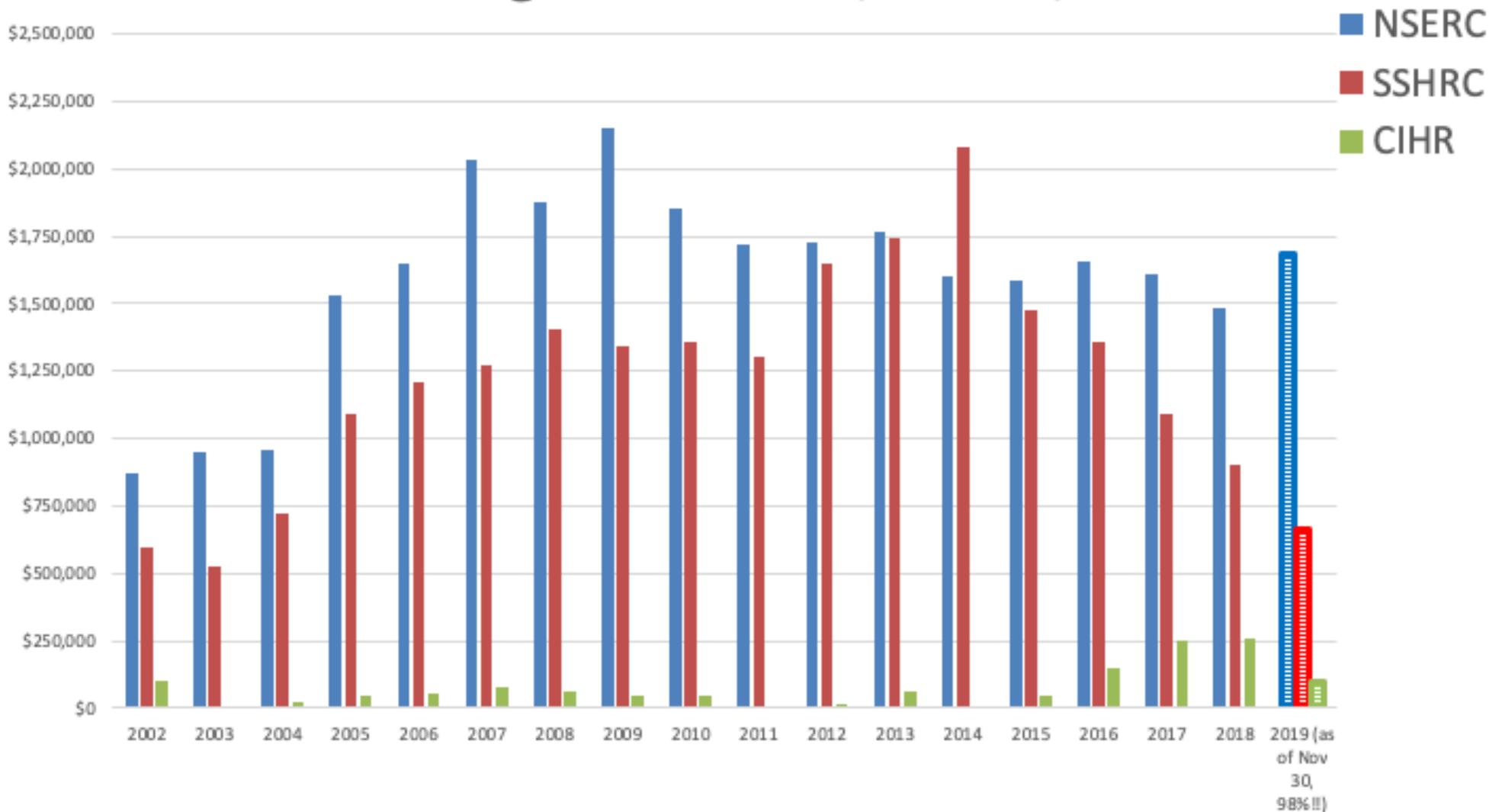
Research Funding:

Total (blue)
Tri-Agency (red)



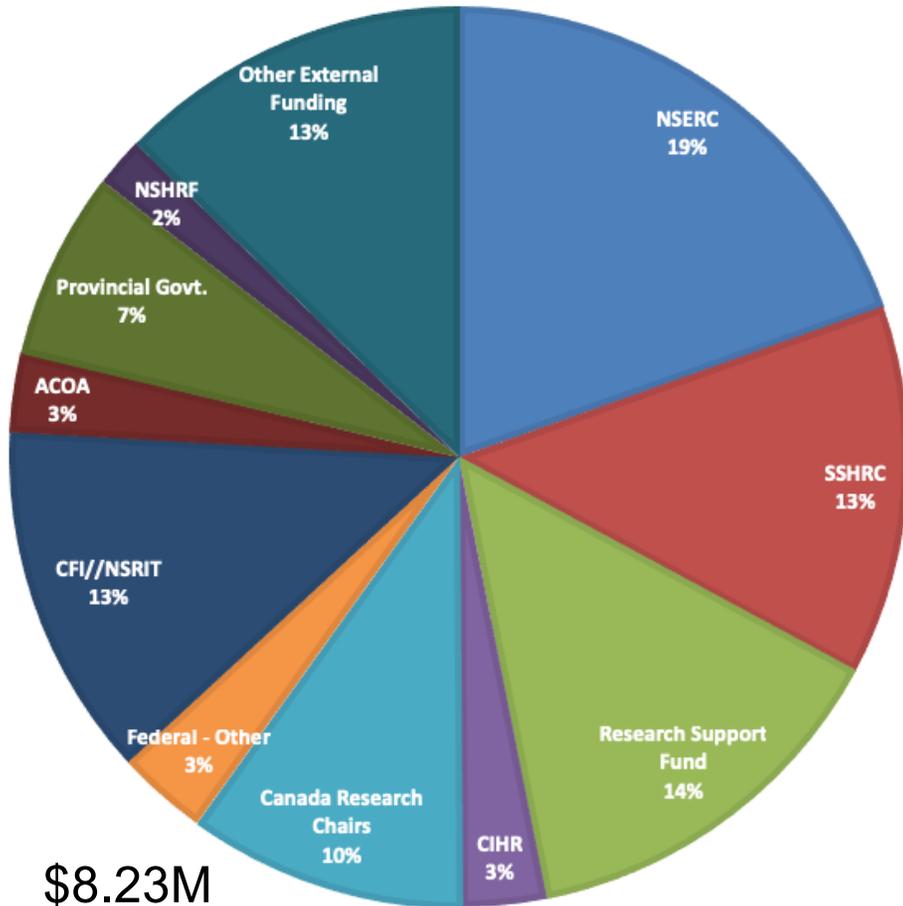
Trends in Tri-Agency Funding

Funding from NSERC, SSHRC, CIHR



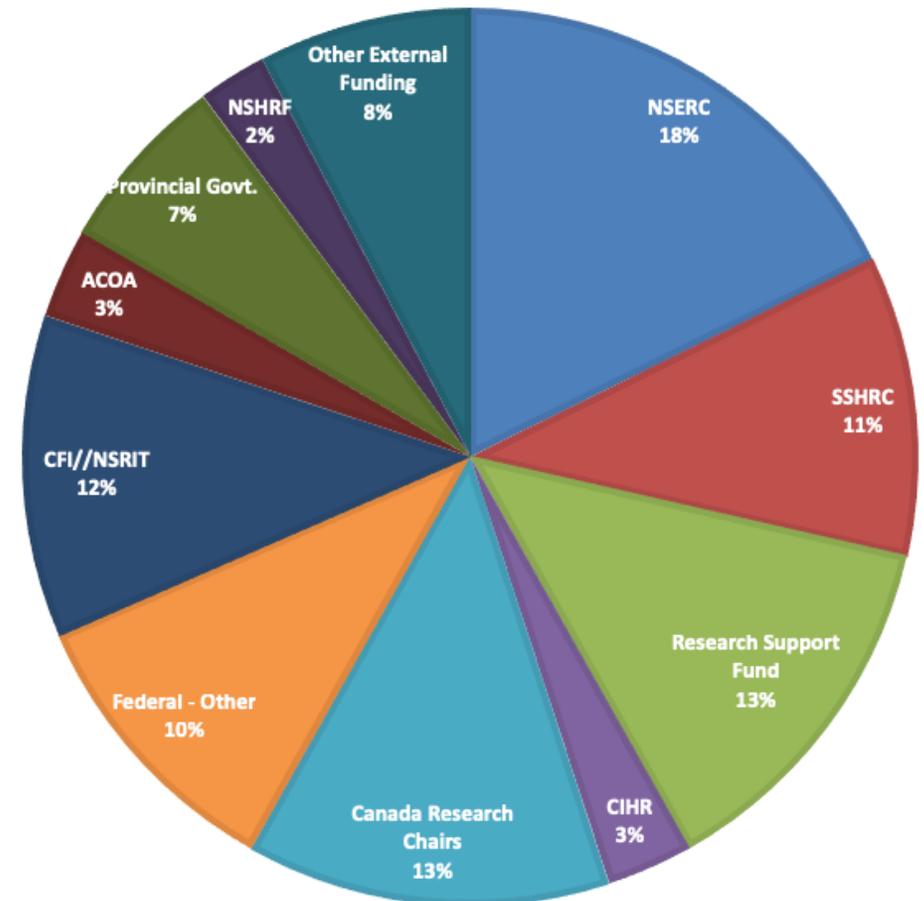
Sources of Research Funding: 2017, 2018

2017



2018

\$8.38M



2018 SMU RESEARCH RECOGNITION RECEPTION

By the Numbers: **73 FACULTY MEMBERS** received funding \$5.3 Million in Sept 2017 to Sept 2018 from these sources:

| Facilitated By | # Grants/Contracts | Total Funding |
|----------------|--------------------|------------------|
| CRC | 9 | 1,100,000 |
| RGO | 57 | 1,769,266 |
| OICE | 95 | 2,427,764 |
| Total | 161 | 5,297,030 |

Plus Other Funding (giving around **\$8.4 Million**, all together)

Infrastructure CFI/NSRIT → ~\$975,000

RESEARCH SUPPORT FUND → ~\$1,115,000

Student Research Scholarships → ~\$1,091,000

How we are doing

- Research InfoSource
"Top 50" (ranking based upon external funding only)

| Year | Rank |
|------|------|
| 2002 | 52 |
| 2003 | 50 |
| 2004 | 50 |
| 2005 | 48 |
| 2006 | 47 |
| 2007 | 44 |
| 2008 | 44 |
| 2009 | 49 |
| 2010 | 46 |
| 2011 | 48 |
| 2012 | 50 |
| 2013 | 48 |
| 2014 | 46 |
| 2015 | 46 |

2016| 49
2017| 47

<http://www.researchinfosource.com/top50.shtml>

How we are doing

- Research InfoSource RUY Rankings:
 - total sponsored research income (25.0%)
 - faculty research intensity (25.0%)
 - total number of publications (16.67%)
 - publication intensity in leading journals (16.67%)
 - publication impact (16.67%).

2016| 45
2017| 41

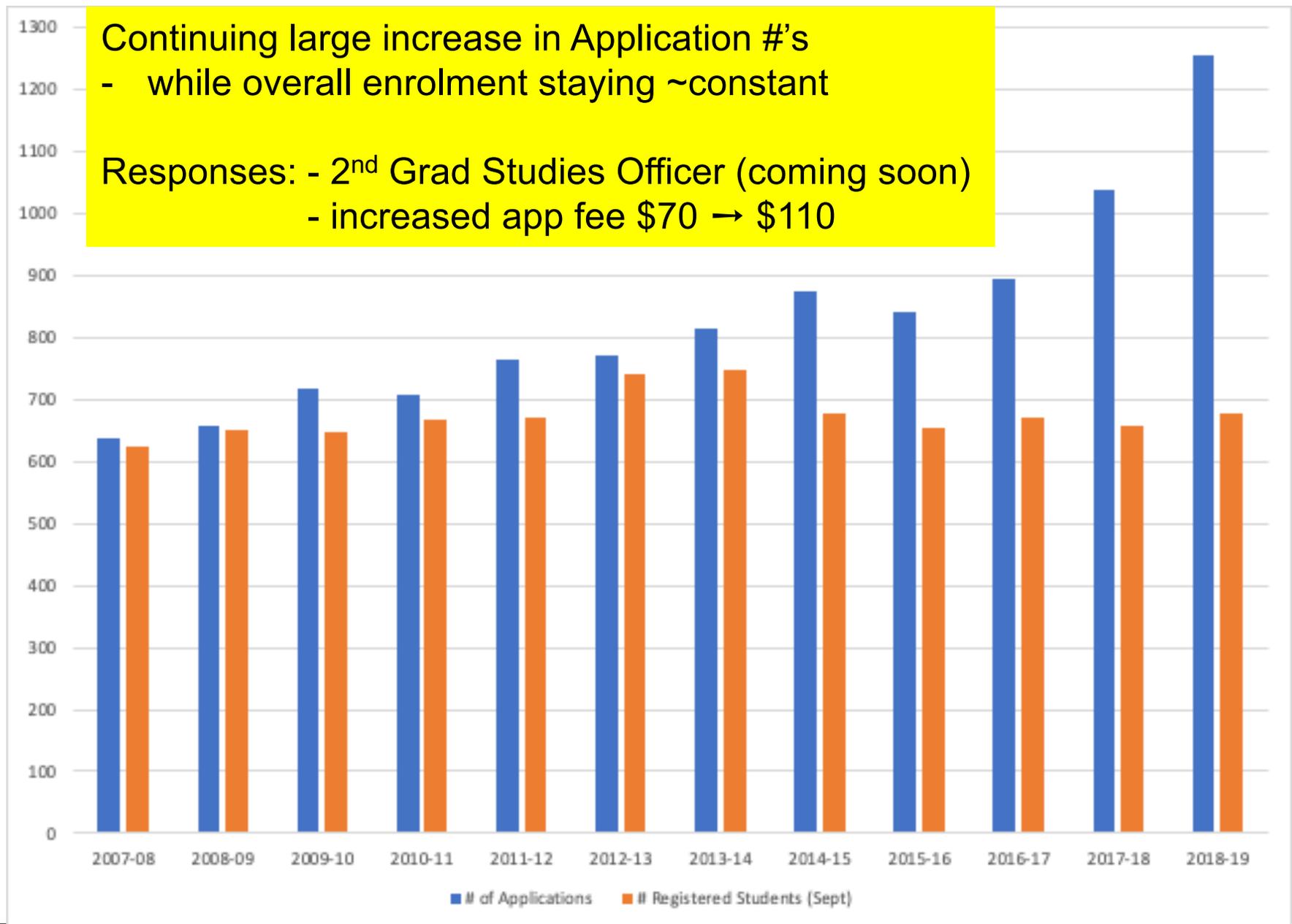
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| 2011 | 42 |
| 2012 | 39 |
| 2013 | 41 |
| 2014 | 44 |
| 2015 | 35 |

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New Graduate Program Developments (since April)

- New MPHEC approved programs:
 - none
- Senate-approved programs (pending MPHEC approval):
 - Graduate Certificate in Applied Economics (still waiting...soon)
- Programs under active development:
 - PhD in Business Administration (Accounting)
 - PhD in Business Administration (Finance)
 - External reviewers have visited, submitted report
 - Master of Business and Data Analytics program (FISMIS)
 - Executive Doctorate of Business Administration (eDBA)
 - MA in Linguistics, Literature, and Culture
(NOI submitted) -> work at Departmental level now

FGSR – TOTAL Graduate Program Application #'s and Total Enrolment



Dean's Report: General Office Operations Review of FGSR Staff – Old and **NEW!**

Dr. Adam Sarty

Dean & Associate Vice President
Research

Shane Costantino

Assistant to the Dean

Dr. Colleen Barber

Associate Dean
Student Affairs

Yi Xie

Graduate Studies Program
Assistant

Heather Taylor

Graduate Studies and
Scholarship Liaison Officer

*(coming soon – short term
contract person: Program
Assistant #2!)*

*(coming soon – a 2nd Graduate
Studies Officer!!)*



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Margaret Schenk

Research Grants Officer

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Research Ethics Officer

Office of Innovation and Community Engagement

Kevin Buchan

Director

Danielle Goodfellow

Industry Liaison Officer

Vanisa Omicevic

Coordinator

Change Lab Action Research Initiative (CLARI)

Ray MacNeil

CLARI Network Manager

Committee Reports

Executive Committee Report

- Met in October 2018:
 - Vetted Calendar submissions
 - All minor
 - “Biggest” was eMBA: many course title/content tweaks for modernization, and removal of a summer-term break – turning it into a 16month straight-through program
 - Plan to re-launch next academic year.
- Executive Committee now functioning as “Curriculum Committee”.
- Forwarded recommendations to Graduate Studies Committee (that actually voted on changes – functioning effectively as “Executive”)

Awards Committee Report

- Virtual meeting this fall to:
 - Review and award 7 graduate student travel grants (\$500 each)
- Did not meet to adjudicate NSERC PGSD Competition:
 - SMU has an allotment of 2 applicants that can go forward to national competition
 - We received 2 applications...I reviewed and forwarded on both appropriate applications.
- Main committee activity during Winter term.

Research Committee Report

- See Margaret Schenk's Research Grants Officer report shortly

Reports from the FGSR Officers

- Innovation and Community Engagement Director (Including CLARI update)
- Graduate Studies Officer
- Research Grants Officer
- Research Ethics Officer

CLARI



CLARI Highlights

- **ENGAGE**

- Grant Program
 - \$50K for (8 projects)
 - 3 MSVU; 2 SMU; 2 CBU; 1 Acadia
 - Focus on community-engaged researchers

- **CONNECT**

- Identify participants and partners for NS Action Research Network
- Understanding where community-engagement is prioritized in our partner institutions

CLARI Highlights

- **BUILD CAPACITY**

- Thought leaders who came to CLARI

- Dave Snowden (CTO, Cognitive Edge Pty: Distributed ethnographic methods)
 - Graham Day (UN Consultant: Adaptive management in Afghanistan)
 - Chris Bolton (Manager of Good Practice Exchange: Welsh Audit Office: New ways of organizing for work)

CLARI Next Steps

- **ENGAGE**

- Announce new round of funding for grant program (Jan 2019)
 - \$50K (8 projects)
 - Start to move goalposts towards multi-institution, community-driven projects.

- **CONNECT**

- Build, support and grow Action Research Network in NS
 - With community, post-secondary partners
- Support greater collaboration between institutional and faculty partners

CLARI Next Steps

- **BUILD CAPACITY**

- Continue to bring global thought leaders to Nova Scotia
- Remain open to possibilities around action research in NS.

Ray MacNeil, CLARI Network Manager
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Office of Innovation and Community Engagement

Faculty Council, December 13, 2018



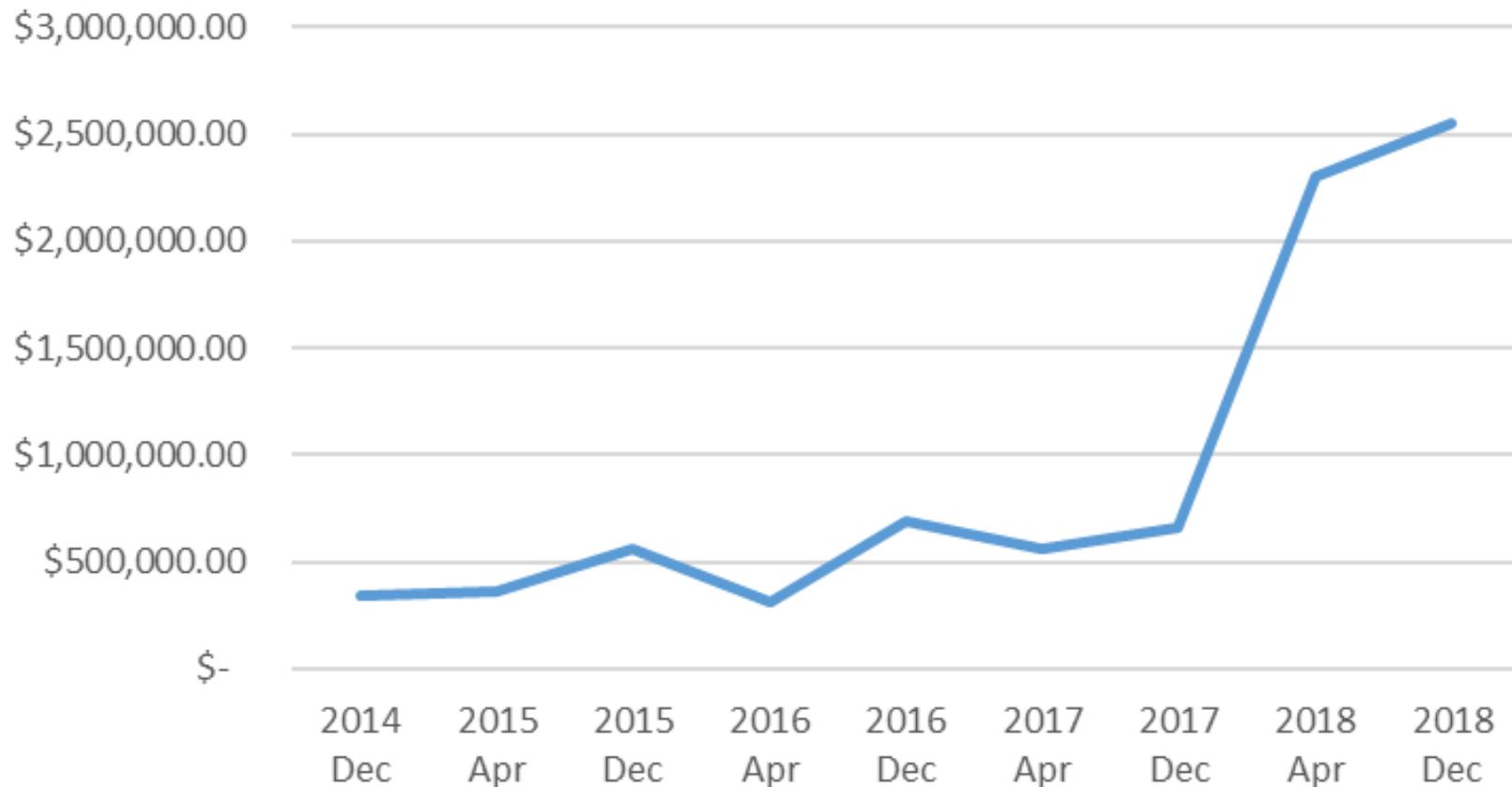
Recent Highlights

\$2,553,374 in research contracts awarded since last Faculty Council Meeting (April)

- NRCan
- Canadian Space Agency
- CoSA Evaluation Service agreement
- NS Communities, Culture, Heritage
- Novatec Braids
- Canadian Cattlemen's Association
- Lansing Dental Care
- Mitacs (\$310,000 over 4 projects)

Recent Highlights

Value of External Research Contracts Awarded



NSERC Partnership Program Changes

- 6 programs combined into one (Engage, CRD, Strategic Partnership, Experience, Connect, IRC)
- 'Partner' has a boarder definition
- Matching is 50% (60% for SMEs) on cash (no in-kind matching)
- 90-100% matching for project up to \$200,000/year

Research Expo

Research Expo, **Friday March 1, 2019**

Loyola Conference Hall

1:00 pm - 2:30 pm - Exhibits, Networking

2:30 pm - 3:30 pm - Pitch presentations

3:30 pm - 4:00 pm - Reception



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Thank you



Graduate Studies Officer Report

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FGSR Admissions 2018

- 1254 Total Applications Received (2017 = 1039)
 - 202 Domestic (2017 = 263)
 - 1052 International (2017 = 776)
- 317 Registered New Students (2017 = 291)
 - 78 Domestic (2017 = 137)
 - 239 International (2017 = 154)

Total Number of Graduate Students

- As of December 7, 2018 there was **666** Registered Graduate Students at Saint Mary's University. There was also an additional **12** Visiting Graduate Students for the Fall 2018 Semester.

FGSR 2019 Admission Applications as
of December 12, 2018 = **539**

FGSR 2018 Admission Applications as
of December 12, 2017 = **383**

*- up 40%... the total # of applications last year
was 21% higher than the previous year*

Graduate Student Funding

- Total Amount of Internal Funding Awarded for 2018-19=
\$2,012,614

FGSR Graduate Awards and Fellowships = \$1,201,460

PhD (Business) Fellowships = \$96,000

Named Awards = \$152,650

Teaching Assistantships Reported = \$340,086

International Graduate Student Bursary = \$29,500

Internships = \$10,000

Student Conference Travel = \$ 6,000

International Travel Funds for Graduate Student Thesis Field
Research = \$2,000

SEEP = \$3,918

Program Scholarships = \$121,000

MAHSR Scholarships = \$50,000



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External Graduate Student Funding 2018-19

- Total Amount of External Funding Awarded for 2018-19=
\$1,505,954
- NSERC Vanier Scholarship = \$50,000
- SSHRC Doctoral Scholarship = \$60,000
- SSHRC CGSD = \$35,000
- SSHRC CGSM = \$140,000
- SSHRC MSFSS = \$6,000
- NSERC CGSM = \$52,500
- NSERC CGSD = \$35,000
- NSERC PGSD = \$21,000
- CIHR CGSM = \$17,500
- NSHRF Scotia Scholarship \$77,000
- MITACS - \$179,000
- Research Fellowships Reported = \$421,354
- NS Graduate Scholarships = \$389,100
- Pengrowth Scholarship = \$5,000
- NR CAN = \$17,500

Report of the Research Grants Officer

December 13, 2018

Research Committee 2018

- 7 Internal New Faculty Research Grants awarded totaling \$35,000
- 12 Supplemental International Conference Participation Travel Fund grants totaling ~\$10,821

President's Award for Excellence in Research

- 2018 Recipient was [Dr. Renée Hulan](#) of the Department of English.

SSHRC Applications Submitted

| Competition | 2019 | 2018 |
|-------------------------------|------|------|
| Insight Grants | 12 | 12 |
| Partnership Development Grant | 1 | 1 |
| Connection | 0 | 5 |

N SERC Applications Submitted

| Competition | 2019 | 2018 |
|---|------|------|
| Discovery Grants (includes SAP and SAPPJ) | 11 | 14 |
| Research Tools and Instruments | 2 | 2 |

Other Business?

Motion to Adjourn?

