# FGSR Faculty Council Meeting

December 15, 2022

**Hosted by:** Adam Sarty

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

and the FGSR Research
Office team

**Saint Mary's University**

# AGENDA

- **Graduate Studies:**
  - Overview of FGSR Structure, noting Update of FGSR Committees
  - Review of Programs
  - Updating/Reviewing Processes/Policies (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
  - Review Information and Update Notes from the Research Office:
    - Meeting with leads/directors of Research Ctrs/Instit/Groups
    - REMINDER – New/Updated Research Agreements Policy (Nov '21)
    - Research Data Management
    - REMINDER – Spending & Hiring using your Research Grant Accounts
    - Update on Faculty Web-Profile & CV Tool
    - Strategic Research Plan 2021-26 approved last year
    - Canada Research Plan update

  - REPORT: Office of Innovation and Community Engagement, CLARI
  - REPORT: Research Ethics Board update
- Any other items: Questions & Discussion

# Reminder / Overview of FGSR "Structure"

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Assistant to the Dean/AVPR

**Associate Vice President, Research Dean, Graduate Studies & Research**

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# Updating FGSR Committee Structure

**FGSR Executive**  *(new Terms of Reference in place)*

- formerly called "*Graduate Studies Committee*"
- mirrors Faculty Executive for Arts/Science/Sobey School
- Members:
  - all Graduate Program Coordinators/Directors
  - FGSR Dean (Chair),  FGSR Associate Dean, Grad Studies Officers
- Mandate:

  Serve as the representative voice of Saint Mary's University faculty on all matters related to graduate programming and graduate students, with the exception of graduate student awards, and function as the primary advisory committee for these issues within FGSR.

  Provide expert advice and commentary related to any proposed changes to the Graduate Academic Calendar (graduate level regulations, programs, courses).

# Updating FGSR Committee Structure

**FGSR Curriculum Committee** *(new Terms of Reference in place)*

- formerly called "*FGSR Executive Committee*"

- mirrors Faculty Curriculum Committees for Arts/Science/Sobey School

- Members:
    - FGSR Dean (Chair), FGSR Associate Dean
    - 2 Faculty members from each of Arts/Science/Sobey School

    *NOTE: in need of 1 Faculty from each of Arts/Science/Sobey School!*
    *Current faculty members = Kate Ervine, Meg Ternes, Ather Akbari*

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**<u>FGSR Graduate Student Awards Committee</u>**

*(need to review/update Terms of Reference)*

- formerly called "*FGSR Awards Committee*"
- Members:
    - FGSR Dean (Chair), 1 Grad Studies Officer
    - 1 Faculty member from each of Arts/Science/Sobey School
    - 1 Grad Student

    **NOTE:  in need of Grad Student Rep**
    **Current faculty members = Myles McCallum, Anne Dalziel, John Fiset**

- Mandate:

    Review and assess applications from all of our graduate student scholarship and award programs (e.g. CGSM, PGSD, NSGS, Scotia Scholar, Durland Scholarships, Governor General Medal)

# Updating FGSR Committee Structure

**FGSR Faculty Research Awards Committee**

*(need to review/update Terms of Reference)*

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- Members:
    - FGSR Dean (Chair), Research Grants Officer
    - 2 Faculty members from each of Arts/Science/Sobey School
    - 1 Grad Student

    **NOTE: in need of 1 Faculty from each of Arts/Science/Sobey School ... Plus a Grad Student rep**
    **Current faculty members = Kirrily Freeman, Stavros Konstantinidis, Michael Zhang**

- Mandate:

    Review and assess applications from any faculty award program (e.g. international travel grants, new faculty grants, internal research grants, President's Research Award)

# Updating FGSR Committee Structure

**Research Advisory Council** *(new Terms of Reference in place)*

- new committee/council called for in Academic Plan and SRP

- only met once so far ... will get more active in coming months/year

- Members:
    - **Associate Vice-President Research (AVPR) – Chair**: Adam Sarty
    - **Associate Dean – Arts**: Sara Malton
    - **Associate Dean – Science**: Rob Thacker
    - **Associate Dean - Sobey School**: Catherine Loughlin
    - **University Librarian**: Suzanne van den Hoogen
    - **Canada Research Chair**: Karly Kehoe
    - **Faculty researcher – Arts**: Gavin Fridell
    - **Faculty researcher – Science**: Luigi Gallo
    - **Faculty researcher- Sobey School**: Vasiliki Athanasakou
    - **Ph.D.  Student**: Mal Hedrick

- Mandate:

    Provide expert advice directly to the Associate Vice-President Research (AVPR), and indirectly to the Provost and Vice-President Academic and Research (VPAR), on strategic issues related to the research mission and associated supports for research at Saint Mary's University
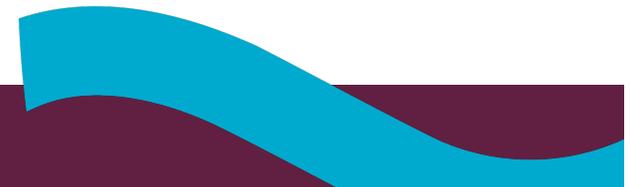
# Review of Programs
## 768 total registered students (up 117 from 1yr ago)

**Professional Programs**

✓MBA  MBA-CPA  eMBA

✓**eDBA** – *first cohort*

✓MFin

✓MTEI

✓MCDA

✓**MBAN** – *first cohort*

✓IMTE

✓(MAE)

✓(MMCCU)

✓(GradDip CM)

✓(PBCAE)

- **Thesis-Required Programs**

✓All M.A. programs (ACS, Crim, Geog, Hist, GDS, 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)

# Review of Programs

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 launched 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

# Updating/Reviewing of Processes & Policies

These are items we've started discussing with Program Coordinators with an eye to clarifying & harmonizing processes for thesis defences, and for supervision committees, etc ....

(*hoping to ensure consistency across programs for the process and experience of thesis defences, and supervision*)

- **Allowing defences to be either in-person, virtual, or hybrid**

- **All defences will be Chaired by an FGSR-appointed delegate**:
  - we've created a "College of Defence Chairs" – volunteer faculty who are prepared to be called upon to Chair
  - more volunteers needed!

- **Working out best approach for "public" vs "closed" for defences** (*most programs use a fully public defence, but still discussing whether this should be required for all programs, and pros/cons of both options*)

- **Also working through clarifying timing and process of contacting External Examiner, and managing their pre-defence report (who gets it, when)**
  - *have separated (if desired) request to get external examiner approved, and request to schedule defence (mostly a PhD issue)*

# Updating/Reviewing of Processes & Policies
*(this is a Calendar change now under review)*

- **We had noted last year 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.

- **Have now changes to Graduate Academic Reg. 16 to require formation of supervisory committees – under consideration by Ac Regs Committee**
  - Also clarified that committees must have at least one SMU full-time faculty member (when external Adjuncts are supervisor, a SMU member will be identified as "internal advisor")
  - Clarified that co-supervision should be rare/exceptional, and require Dean's approval (so: not prohibited, just reviewed to ensure/understand the best support for the student and/or faculty supervisor)

- **Will create guiding documents to clearly (and briefly!) define role of supervisor, committee members, "internal advisor"**

# Graduate Studies Officer Report
## FGSR Faculty Council

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# FGSR Admissions 2022
## *(May 2022, Sept. 2022 and Jan. 2023 intakes)*

**1947 Total Applications Received**
- (2021 = **1863**) (2019 =**1513**) (2018 = **1254**)

- 313 Domestic
  - (2021 = **385**) (2019 = **198**) **(2018 = 202)**

- 1634 International
  - (2021 = **1478**) (2019 = **1315**) (2018 = **1052)**

**318 Registered <u>New</u> Students**
- (2021 = **396**) (2019 = **333**) (2018 = **317)**

- 110 Domestic
  - (2021= **149**) (2019 = **87**) (2018 = **78)**

- 208 International
  - (2021= **247**) (2019 = **246**) (2018 = **239)**

# Totals: Enrolled Graduate Students
*(as of December 7, 2022)*

| | Total Enrollement | 2022 Intake |
|---|---|---|
| MBA | 104 | 37 |
| MTEI | 79 | 36 |
| MSc CDA | 72 | 25 |
| IMTE | 67 | 26 |
| MFIN | 55 | 53 |
| MSc Applied Science | 54 | 18 |
| PhD Applied Science | 43 | 5 |
| MMCCU | 41 | 10 |
| MSc Applied Psychology | 27 | 9 |
| EMBA | 25 | 0 |
| MA Women & Gender Studies | 24 | 10 |
| PhD Business Administration | 21 | 4 |
| Master of Business Analytics | 21 | 21 |
| PhD I/O Psychology | 20 | 3 |
| Master of Applied Economics | 15 | 10 |
| MA Global Dev. Studies | 10 | 5 |

| | Total Enrollement | 2022 Intake |
|---|---|---|
| MSc Astronomy | 9 | 3 |
| PBCAE | 9 | 8 |
| EDBA | 8 | 8 |
| MA Geography | 8 | 2 |
| MA History | 8 | 5 |
| MA Atlantic Canada Studies | 7 | 0 |
| MA Criminology | 7 | 4 |
| MAHSR | 6 | 0 |
| MBA - CPA Stream | 6 | 7 |
| Grad Diploma - MMCCU | 5 | 2 |
| PhD Global Dev. Studies | 4 | 0 |
| PhD Astronomy | 4 | 1 |
| MA Philosophy | 3 | 1 |
| MA Theology & Religious Studies | 3 | 2 |
| Visiting | 3 | 3 |
| TOTAL | 768 | 318 |

# INTERNAL Graduate Student Funding 2022-23

Total Amount of Internal Funding Awarded for 2022-23 =
**$2,902,797** (increase of $117,574 from last year)

| | |
|---|---|
| FGSR Graduate Awards and Fellowships = | $1,607,352 |
| Named Awards = | $ 401,550 |
| Teaching Assistantships Reported = | $ 579,632 |
| International Graduate Student Bursary = | $ 31,700 |
| Program Scholarships = | $ 258,563 |
| FGSR Reserve = | $ 24,000 |

# EXTERNAL Graduate Student Funding 2022-23

Total Amount of External Funding Awarded for 2022-23 = **$2,689,314**

(increase of $309,006 from last year … MITACS ↑ $304,726!)

| | |
|---|---|
| SSHRC CGSD = | $ 140,000 |
| SSHRC CGSM = | $ 87,500 |
| NSERC Doctoral = | $ 123,480 |
| NSERC CGSM = | $ 40,600 |
| CIHR CGSM = | $ 17,500 |
| MSFSS = | $ 12,000 |
| Research NS Scotia Scholarship = | $ 69,000 |
| MITACS Stipends to Students = | $ 821,181 |
| Research Fellowships Reported = | $1,040,783 |
| NS Graduate Scholarships = | $ 337,270 |

# RESEARCH
# Recent Results/Trends
*(show 2021-22 data from Nov 2022 Res. Recognition Event)*

By the Numbers: **90 FACULTY MEMBERS received funding $10.06 Million** in Sept 2021 to Sept 2022 from these sources:

| Faciliated By: | # Grants/Cont | Total Funding |
|---|---|---|
| **CRC** | 8 | $890,000 |
| **RGO** | 82 | $3,462,270 |
| **OICE** | 140 | $5,710,997 |
| Total | **230** | **$10,063,267** |

Plus Other Funding (giving around **$11.3 Million**, all together)
Infrastructure CFI/Research-NS            ~$ 302,000
RESEARCH SUPPORT FUND            ~$ 954,000

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### Comparison to Last year – by Faculty (Arts, Sobey School of Business, Science)
#### *(CRCs not included in this table)*

| Faculty | # Faculty Members | | | Total Funding | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2020-21 | 2021-22 | 1 yr % Change | 2020-21 | 2021-22 | 1 yr % Change |
| ARTS | 22 | 18 | -18.2 | $1,795,460 | $1,799,033 | 0.2 |
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| Facilitated By: | # Grants/Contracts | | | Total Funding | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2020-21 | 2021-22 | 1 yr % Change | 2020-21 | 2021-22 | 1 yr % Change |
| CRC | 8 | 8 | 0.0 | $1,000,000 | $890,000 | -11.0 |
| RGO | 83 | 82 | -1.2 | $3,393,146 | $3,462,270 | 2.0 |
| OICE | 119 | 140 | 17.6 | $5,007,983 | $5,710,997 | 14.0 |
| Total | 210 | 230 | 9.5 | $9,401,129 | $10,063,267 | 7.0 |

# RESEARCH
# Recent Results/Trends
*(show 2021-22 data from Nov 2022 Res. Recognition Event)*

**Comparison to 4 Years ago – by Faculty (Arts, Sobey School of Business, Science)**
*(CRCs not included in this table)*

| Faculty | # Faculty Members | | | Total Funding | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2017-18 | 2021-22 | 4 yr % Change | 2017-18 | 2021-22 | 4 yr % Change |
| ARTS | 14 | 18 | 28.6 | $1,051,519 | $1,799,033 | 71.1 |
| BUSINESS | 16 | 28 | 75.0 | $865,652 | $1,437,373 | 66.0 |
| SCIENCE | 43 | 50 | 16.3 | $3,374,734 | $5,936,861 | 75.9 |
| Total | 73 | 96 | 31.5 | $5,291,905 | $9,173,267 | 73.3 |

# Review Information and Update Notes from the Research Office
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## Meeting with leads/directors of Research Ctrs/Instit/Groups

- meant to do this for ALL Ctrs/Instit/Groups during calendar 2022, along with Ext Affairs rep ... didn't there – will try 2023

- 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)

- We *did* successfully develop 2 MOAs for 2 newest Senate Approved Research Centres (TCA, ICCM)

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- 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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## 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/)

- Will prepare and launch Institutional Strategy by March, focusing on providing guidance and assistance and tools for faculty

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## <u>REMINDER – Spending & Hiring using your Research Grant Accounts:</u>

• Realize that keeping up with proper processes, and allowances/eligibility, can be challenging (including using/interpreting our tools)

• 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 ...

   Rather, ALL SMU research-account spending is governed by same set of guiding principles to determine eligibility:
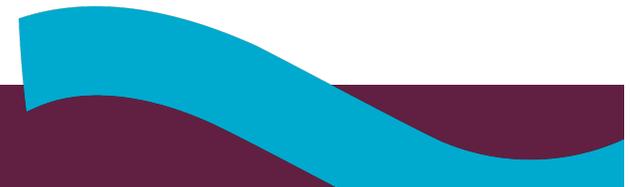
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  - **contribute to the direct costs of the research/activities for which the funds were awarded, with benefits directly attributable to the grant**

  - **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 <mark>WILL roll out also in 2023</mark> – addresses many areas of concern noted at our last Tri-Agency audit

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- When research accounts ("funds" more correctly in SMU "FOAP" language) are setup for faculty's internal or external grants/contracts/conference funding: there is always an "expiry date"
  - Accounts established for specific purposes, and can't be maintained indefinitely nor "mixed" with other influxes of money
  - Accounts not designed for use like "bank accounts" for saving for future use, rather are designed for specific intent and purpose
  - Normally you will be given the expiry when account setup, or (for older accounts) be notified of impending closure.

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## Update on Faculty Web-Profile & CV Tool

- As has been evident for last ~3 years, the old "SMUcv" tool to enter Faculty CV info, and automatically generate WebProfiles become non-functional

- During 2020-21, we identified a good replacement platform that is in use successfully at several other Canadian universities (Dalhousie, Toronto, Montreal, Ottawa, ... UNB just implemented).

- IMPLEMENTATION UNDERWAY: tool called "UniWeb" (from company *Proximify*).   Project started = last winter.

- Project team steadily moving forward, working with Proximify – coordinating our "release/launch" with new version of UniWeb release ("UniCloud") ... I have high hopes! More info as we launch.

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## <u>Strategic Research Plan 2021-26 approved last year</u>

- Talked about this several times last year ... Will now stay on top of the "Actions" outlined in SRP – and use Research Advisory Council to help us stay on track.

- Will be key in moving forward with filling our now-open Canada Research Chair ... (next item!)

- See posted @ [www.smu.ca/researchplan/](www.smu.ca/researchplan/)

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## <u>Canada Research Chair update:</u>

- We **<u>*now*</u>** have 1 open Tier II Canada Research Chair which we can replace

- 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)

- In JANUARY, we will 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

# Faculty Council – CLARI

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Saint Mary's University

# CLARI Highlights

| Year | # of Projects | Total Project Investment |
|---|---|---|
| 2018 | 8 | $ 58,135 |
| 2019 | 19 | $ 137,169 |
| 2020 | 26 | $ 193,082 |
| 2021 | 24 | $ 178,820 |
| (To Date) 2022 | 15 | $ 104,938 |
| All | **92** | **$ 672,145** |
| | | |
| 2018 | 2 | $ 14,586 |
| 2019 | 9 | $ 64,400 |
| 2020 | 5 | $ 37,376 |
| 2021 | 3 | $ 22,000.00 |
| (To Date) 2022 | 3 | $ 22,500.00 |
| All | **22** | **$ 160,862** |

Proposal being submitted to Province in new year for additional support for FY24. ~$200,000 for community research projects.

# CLARI Project Funding

## Connect (highlights)

- **Action Research Network**
  - Community Research Symposium – Acadia
  - Policy Impact Sessions (how to work successfully with government)
  - Collaboratives – Bringing community/faculty/students together on specific themes (Francophone research network; Indigenous community research network)
- **Engagement with Government**
  - Funding: Petition Province for FY23-24 support for Community Research
  - Finalized agreement with province for Behavioral Insights group. 1 project completed, 2 underway (Dal, SMU, MSVU faculty)
  - Continue to work with Office of Public Sector Innovation (OPIN) to support increased engagement between post-secondary and government.
- **2022 Project Funding ($202.5K)**
  - 15 projects funded to date
  - 3 involving SMU faculty

# Faculty Council - OICE

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SMU External Funding
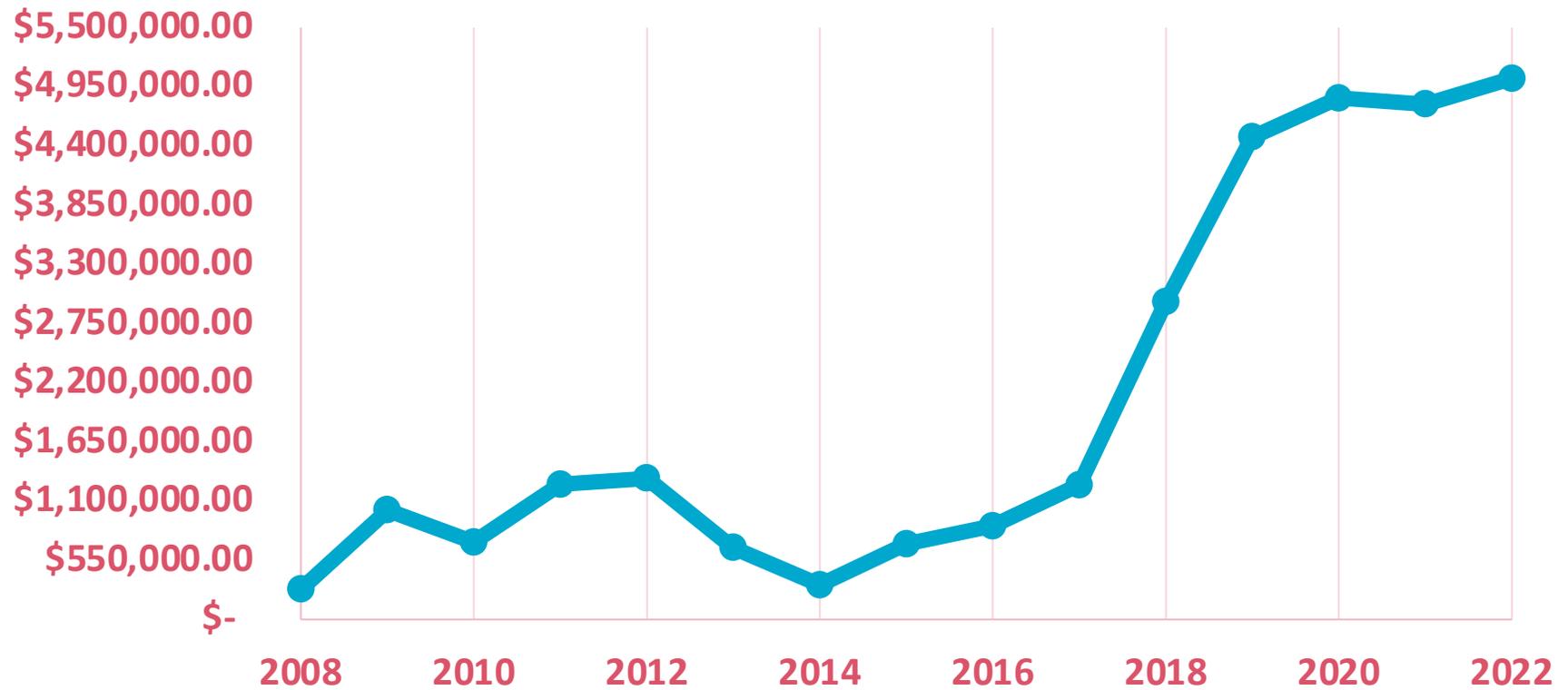
# OICE Recent Highlights

- PEI Department of Environment, Energy and Climate Action

- National Research Council

- Springboard Atlantic

- Canadian Space Agency

- NS Department of Natural Resources and Renewables

- Mitacs: Altudo, Port Hawkesbury Paper, Nova Scotia Health Authority, Equity Watch, Maslow International, AI Dynamics, St. Barbara, LeadSift, EarthOne…. ~$2 million
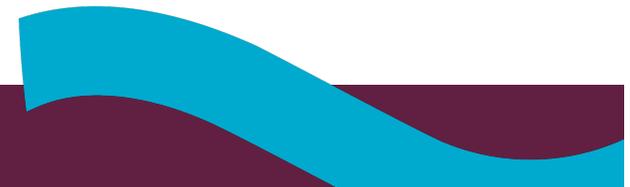
# Research Expo

When: Friday, March 10, 2023

Where: Loyola Conference Hall

Time: 1:00pm to 4:30pm

Save Your Spot invitations were emailed out earlier this week. If you are interested in giving a short pitch presentation or exhibiting at a booth, please reach out to Danielle Goodfellow.

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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!
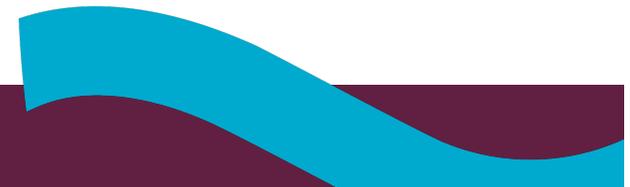
# In Review

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: **https://www.smu.ca/research/research-ethics-board.html**

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.

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Table 1. 2021-2022 Research Ethics Review

| Initial Review: | |
|---|---|
| Exempt Review | 68 |
| Form 1- Application for Ethics Review of Research Involving Humans | 89 |
| Form 1C- Application for Ethics Review of Research Involving Humans Currently Cleared by Another Canadian REB | 7 |
| **Continuing Review:** | |
| Adverse Event Form- Unanticipated Issues | 9 |
| Form 2- Request for Change to Cleared Research | 266 |
| Form 3- Annual Status Report | 231 |
| Form 5- End of Study Report | 153 |
| Total number of requests: | 823 |
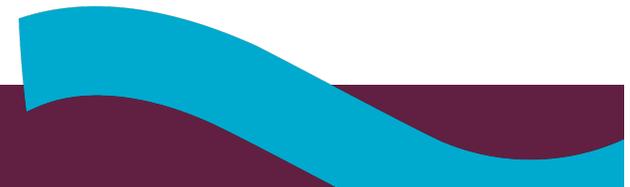
# Consider joining the REB Team

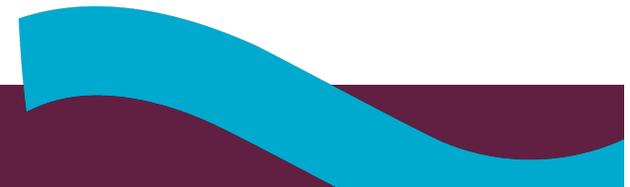*Current co-Chairs*:  Kevin Kelloway, Leanna Closson

*Current Vice-Chair*:  Jim Cameron


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
- research areas outside of Psychology ☺


Interested faculty should express interest at ethics@smu.ca

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