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U of L researchers receive nearly \$4 million in NSERC Discovery grants

A crop of University of Lethbridge researchers are recipients of close to \$4 million in new grants payable over multiple years through the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada's Discovery research program.

The Honourable Navdeep Bains, minister of Innovation, Science and Industry, recently announced more than \$492 million in funding to some 2,400 researchers across Canada. At the U of L, 19 researchers were successful in their applications for Discovery grants. These grants, which vary in amounts from \$23,000 to \$65,000, will enable discoveries in chemistry, biochemistry, biological sciences, neuroscience, mathematics and computer science and psychology. The U of L was also successful in receiving two Research Tools and Instruments grants worth almost \$300,000.

"We are excited to share the news of these grant recipients and extend congratulations to each and every one of them," says Dr. Robert Wood, interim vice-president (research). "Our success rate of 76 per cent in this granting cycle is well above the national average. This is testament to the skill of our researchers and the significant impact of the work they are doing. It is talented researchers such as these that make the U of L one of Canada's leading research universities for its size."

Below are listed the recipients in each department:

Department of Chemistry & Biochemistry: Drs. René Boéré, Paul Hayes, Ute Kothe, Trushar Patel and Athan Zovoilis.

Department of Biological Sciences: Drs. Matthew Bogard, Julie Lee-Yaw, Jenny McCune, Gregory Pyle and Stewart Rood.

Department of Neuroscience: Drs. Aaron Gruber, Andrew Iwaniuk, Artur Luczak, Robert McDonald and Masami Tatsuno.

Department of Mathematics & Computer Science: Drs. Andrew Fiori, Habiba Kadiri and Nathan Ng.

Department of Psychology: Drs. Fangfang Li, David Logue and Paul Vasey.

In addition, Drs. Ute Kothe and Aaron Gruber received Accelerator supplements, valued at \$120,000 each over three years, on top of their Discovery grants. And, four early career researchers, including Lee-Yaw, Bogard, McCune and Fiori, were awarded Discovery Launch supplements, each valued at \$12,500.

More information can be found on the [NSERC website](#).

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