



GFC Standing Committee Report

Committee: GFC Research Planning Committee

For the period of July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022

The GFC Research Planning Committee (RPC) is the primary advisory body to the Vice-President (Research) and is consulted on issues within the research and innovation portfolio. The following is a report on the committee's activities as well as those of its Review Panels for the 2021-22 academic year.

1.0 GFC RESEARCH PLANNING COMMITTEE

Members

	Representative	Term
Committee Chair	Dena McMartin	ongoing
Associate Vice-President (Research) / Dean, School of Graduate Studies or designate	Helen Kelley	Ex-officio
Provost & Vice-President (Academic) or designate	Josie Mills	Ex-officio
Arts & Science, Humanities	Bryson Brown	30-Jun-23
Arts & Science, Sciences	Chris Hopkinson	30-Jun-23
Arts & Science, Social Sciences	Louise Barrett	30-Jun-23
Dhillon School of Business	Debra Basil	30-Jun-23
Education	Amy von Heyking	30-Jun-22
Fine Arts	Dayna Cooley	30-Jun-23
School of Graduate Studies	Vacant	
Health Sciences	Cheryl Currie	30-Jun-22
Liberal Education	Mary Kavanagh	30-Jun-23

Meetings

September 24, 2021 (via video conference)

D.McMartin provided an overview of the committee including its position within the GFC reporting structure, its roles and responsibilities, as well the review panels that report to it.

Business conducted at the meeting included:

- Discussing upcoming institutional funding opportunities soon to be announced by the federal government.

November 4, 2021 (via video conference)

Business conducted at the meeting included:

- Receiving the reports from the Animal Welfare and Human Subject Research Committees,
- Discussing operational changes to the Human Participant Research Committee, and
- Discussing next steps for the institutional funding opportunities discussed at the September 2021 meeting.

January 18, 2022 (via video conference)

Business conducted at the meeting included:

- Reviewing proposed changes to the internal research grant structure, and
- Discussing the plan update/revise the Strategic Research Plan.

April 12, 2022 (via video conference)

Business conducted at the meeting included:

- Adjudicating the 2021/22 University of Lethbridge Research Fund competition,
- Setting the value of the University of Lethbridge Travel Fund for 2022/23,
- Reviewing the draft Research Chair policy,
- Reviewing proposed changes to the Board of Governors Research Chair guidelines, and
- Discussing a strategy for selecting institutional memberships supported by the Vice-President (Research)'s operating budget.

2.0 CENTERS AND INSTITUTES REVIEW PANEL

The Review Panel's mandate is to make recommendations to the Vice-President (Research) on the establishment and renewal of University Centres/Institutes.

The Review Panel did not convene in 2021/22.

3.0 RESEARCH CHAIRS REVIEW PANEL

The Review Panel's mandate is to make recommendations to the Vice-President (Research) on new and renewal nominations for the Board of Governors Research Chair (BoGRC) program.

The Review Panel did not convene in 2021/22.

4.0 INTERNAL RESEARCH FUNDING REVIEW PANELS

The following review panels reviewed and adjudicated research proposals for internal research funding competitions and distribute funds for research grants and undergraduate student stipends and awards.

4.1 ALBERTA INNOVATES SUMMER STUDENTSHIPS

The Review Panel did not convene in 2021/22 due to the faculty strike/lockout. Instead, Associate Deans volunteered to review and rank the 21 applications. The University offered 12 awards, which was the maximum number of awards that could be supported by the institutional grant.

4.2 CHINOOK RESEARCH AWARDS

The Review Panel did not convene in 2021/22 due to the faculty strike/lockout. Instead, Associate Deans volunteered to review and rank the 50 applications. The University offered 20 awards, which was the maximum number of awards that could be supported by available funding.

4.3 UNIVERSITY OF LETHBRIDGE RESEARCH FUND (ULRF) REVIEW PANEL

The Review Panel was not convened in 2021/22. Instead, the GFC Research Planning Committee approved awards for 2021/22. All applications were deemed meritorious; thus, all 9 applications were approved for funding.

4.4 LIFE AND CLIMATE AWARDS

The Review Panel did not convene in 2021/22.

4.5 NATURAL SCIENCES AND ENGINEERING RESEARCH COUNCIL (NSERC) UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT RESEARCH AWARDS

The Review Panel did not convene in 2021/22 due to the faculty strike/lockout. Instead, Associate Deans volunteered to review and rank the 54 applications to fill our institutional quota of 23. The University offered 27 awards, which includes 4 awards to eligible Indigenous students that do not count towards our institutional quota.

Respectfully submitted,



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Vice-President (Research)